

Turkish attack on villages brings fierce fighting: British UN troops fired on

British troops under United Nations command in Cyprus came under fire from Turkish forces yesterday. No one was hurt. Despite the ceasefire agreement, the Turks continued to expand their Kyrenia bridgehead and there was heavy fighting with Greek Cypriot forces throughout the day. Athens radio said Greece was ready to denounce the Geneva agreement and take "other steps" if the Turks continued to violate the ceasefire.

Cyprus bridgehead reinforced

From Paul Martin, Elea, west of Kyrenia, Aug 2. Turkish troops fired on a British patrol of the United Nations peacekeeping force today as fighting raged in the foothills of the western tip of the Kyrenia range. Turkish tanks and troops moved up to another village south of Elea, the fourth such advance since the ceasefire was to have come into effect last Tuesday. Elea was in the no man's land between Turkish and Greek Cypriot positions yesterday. The Turks now dominate the road leading to it and have pushed the infantry further west of it. No one knows the line that separates the two forces. The Greek Cypriot defenders who staged a tactical retreat during the past 48 hours in the face of Turkish shelling have now returned and hold a new defence line close to Elea. There has been the sound of heavy machinegun fire and shelling through the day. At times it was dangerously close to the coastal road as the Turks and Greeks battle in the orchards. Less than a mile from the closest Greek Cypriot position the Turks dropped more troops and material today. Reinforcements were ferried in landing craft to the six-mile bridgehead from where the Turks fanned out on the first day of the invasion. The United Nations patrol—a Saladin and a Ferret of the 16/5 Lancers—came under fire as it moved its way into the approaches of Elea just before midday. "Suddenly the Turks opened up on us," one of the British soldiers in the patrol said. "We had no idea what was in the village. The idea of the patrol was to find out the line. Before the village had been in Greek hands, but now the Turks were there. They fired on us twice and obviously meant business."



This giant puppet judge, clearly from one of the higher courts, was a figure of holiday fun for children at Coram Fields, London, yesterday

MPs see possibility of another free vote on EEC terms

By George Clark Political Correspondent. The possibility of another free vote in the House of Commons on EEC membership was being discussed by politicians of all parties yesterday after Mr Wilson's suggestion in a BBC television interview on Thursday that there could be a decision to allow Cabinet members to argue their case for or against leaving the EEC during the referendum campaign. Mr Wilson said that there would be no fudging of the issue. "It will be in or out," he said. The decision of the people would be final and binding. Whether the Cabinet would make a collective recommendation to the people, having seen the results of the negotiation of entry terms, had still to be decided. "We shall decide what we are going to do when we have seen the result of the negotiations and we have not got there yet," he said. "We may decide that this could be left to a free vote of the British people as a whole." Sir Robin Day, the interviewer, suggested that it would be an extraordinary way to conduct a Government if members of the Cabinet were permitted to argue opposite points of view. Mr Wilson said: "It is not. This is a matter of such transcendent importance that the people must be free to decide... we have not decided whether we shall do it in one way or the other." Sir Frederick Bennett, Conservative MP for Torbay, has argued consistently that Mr Wilson's undertaking that the decision of the people would be binding on a Labour Government is only a moral commitment, and that under the constitution he cannot commit Parliament, which would have to pass legislation both to allow a referendum to take place, and to take Britain out of the EEC. Sir Wilson that on the present composition of the Commons there is unlikely to be a majority even for the holding of a referendum. He argues that under the construction Parliament is still supreme, and if a referendum gave an inconclusive result, for example only 60 per cent of the electorate voted and the verdict was narrow, it would still be the prerogative of Parliament to decide on the legislation that might be presented by the government. On a free vote, that could easily go against withdrawal from the EEC. Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow East, who was recently appointed a member of the Conservative delegation to the European Parliament, said last night: "Mr Wilson's suggestion is bound to cause a row in the Cabinet." Mr Sydney Bidwell, Labour MP for Ealing, Southall, and vice-chairman of the left-wing Tribune group, said yesterday: "I do not like the suggestion that members of the Cabinet may be free to argue different points of view. But I would insist that in the referendum campaign there should be a full dissemination of facts about what life is likely to be like if we remain in, or if we come out of the Market. Once the people have given their decision, however, I believe that a Labour government should apply a three-line whip in the Commons." **Leading article, page 13**

Clay Cross rebels lose fight against surcharge

A last-minute legal move by the 11 rent rebels of Clay Cross to challenge the validity of the £5.95 surcharge levied on them for refusing to implement the Conservative Government's "fair rent" law was rejected in the High Court yesterday. Master Waldman, sitting in private, gave Mr Herbert Harrison, the district auditor, judgment against the former Derbyshire councillors for the amount of the surcharge. They were also ordered to pay costs and interest on the £5.95 from October 5, 1973, at a rate to be assessed. Later a solicitor for the 11 said an appeal was unlikely. The Master refused a plea by the former councillors for a trial of the dispute. A representative of the auditor's solicitors said that once the rate of interest had been assessed the next step would be enforcement of the judgment debt. Methods of enforcing means of payment of a judgment debt include attachment of earnings, whereby an employer deducts money from earnings, and the seizure of a debtor's assets, which could involve use of bailiffs. Four of the former Labour councillors attended yesterday's 15-minute hearing. Their leader, Mr David Skinner, said afterwards: "We have known this was going to happen for the last two years. Any bailiffs will come at their own risk. An Englishman's home is his castle and I shall defend my home, as will all the others." If it comes to the attachment of earnings, the dilemma in Clay Cross will grow because we are not prepared to pay a Tory fine."

Kidnapper escapes armed police hunt

By a Staff Reporter. The gunman who kidnapped a policeman and two other men on Thursday was still evading a widespread hunt last night. The kidnapper, who was used as a witness at Leamington Spa, Warwickshire yesterday. It was 300 yards from train and bus stations. Police at first put out a warning about a Ford Corsair stolen near the site but later said it had not been used by the gunman. Some of the police searching for the man are armed and the public has been warned that he is probably still armed and dangerous—and should not be approached. South Wales police said last night that they were searching the Cardiff area for the gunman after a report that he had been seen in a dockland nightclub. The police have said they want to interview Mr Barry Robinson, aged 34, who was sent to Broadmoor for life in 1962 for attacking a man of 82 in a robbery. It is believed he was released on licence in 1968. Warwickshire police said the abandoned Morris car was found during a routine check. It appeared that the gunman had driven the 18 miles from Southam, near Rugby, where he had left. Police-Constable Charles Wright of Congleton, Cheshire, and two other hostages, Mr Peter Nix, of Milford, Staffordshire, and Mr Brian Sharp, of Burbage, Leicestershire, tied up in a barn. He left them at about 4.45 pm on Thursday and drove straight to Leamington. The hostages said yesterday that their captor was wearing lovat green trousers, a brown check sports coat with imitation leather buttons, a white shirt and a mauve tie. Mr Sharp said of his experience: "I was absolutely terrified and I took no chances with the gunman." He had been driving to his work at a petrol depot in Warwickshire when he was flagged down by PC Wright. "The officer said there was a gunman in the car holding the driver at gunpoint. He had two drivers, a 38 and an automatic and he ordered us into the car. I sat on the back seat with the officer and the gunman sat alongside the other man, who was ordered to drive. The man said he did not want to hurt anyone. But the policeman told us not to make a breath otherwise he would have killed us." One theory being considered by police is that the man they are seeking may be heading for the area around Broadmoor hospital, near Crowhurst. Mr Peter Thompson, a former Broadmoor patient and now a London public relations executive, has spoken to Cheshire police headquarters with an offer to speak to the hunted man once he has been found. "I would not be surprised if he was heading for Broadmoor. It may be that he wants to be in familiar surroundings," Mr Thompson said.

Dutch pilot killed in West German crash

Bonn, Aug 2.—The pilot of a Dutch Northrop fighter-bomber was killed today when his aircraft crashed some 12 miles north-east of Koblenz, a spokesman for the Netherlands embassy said here.—Reuter.

Divers seek to confirm air crash link with rocket range

By Pearce Wright Science Correspondent. A special naval diving project in the Irish Sea has been undertaken after the recovery two months ago of wing fragments with RAF markings. The divers are seeking confirmation of a theory that the fragments are parts of an unidentified vehicle that caused an Aer Lingus Viscount to crash into the sea on March 24, 1968, killing 57 passengers and four crew. Naval sources have confirmed that the exercise has been in progress for some time, but the Ministry of Defence has issued a formal denial. Most of our experienced divers are helping to clear the Suez Canal," it said yesterday. At the time of the accident the Viscount was on a flight path south of the military rocket testing range at Aberporth, on the Welsh coast. The wing fragments, fished up by a trawler off Rossare, carry the bright orange markings similar to those found on pilotless vehicles and experimental missiles tested by the range. The Viscount crash has never been explained, although a large number of fuselage fragments and all the bodies were found. An inquiry by the Irish Republic Department of Transport, the findings of which were published in May 1970, concluded that none of the more likely reasons such as electro-mechanical failure, pilot error or fuel trouble was the cause. There was, however, a reference in the report to the possible presence close to the aircraft of another manned or unmanned vehicle; the report said it might have passed close enough to upset the flight of

Mr Dean must spend at least a year in jail

From Fred Emery Washington, Aug 2. Mr John Dean, whose accusations have brought President Nixon to the point of impeachment, was today sentenced to between one and four years' jail for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up. The former presidential counsel looked shaken as Judge John Sirica briskly turned aside all pleas for further delay, or leniency through suspension of sentence. He must serve a minimum of one year. It was the longest term imposed on any of the 10 who have "bargained" their testimony against a plea of guilty to a limited charge. Even prosecutors were surprised. Mr Dean, however, could have been given a maximum of five years. The judge noted that he had already gained "consideration" in being allowed last October to plead guilty to a single charge when 50 might have been preferred. He noted, too, that this arrangement had been premised on Mr Dean's testimony against others. The prosecutors attested that Mr Dean had been "fully and unhesitatingly" cooperative. The judge did allow Mr Dean four more weeks' freedom until September 3, in consideration of the care he and his wife were giving to her ailing mother. September 3 is also the scheduled beginning of the main Watergate trial. He went on: "I have done wrong. I was involved in corruption of Government and misuse of high office. He looked up, his clear but flat voice suddenly huskier. "To say sorry is not enough." In the past 18 months he had done all he could "to right the wrongs", and whatever the sentence, would continue the same course. "Mr Dean has said many things against the President and one is now apt. Last summer, during his five-day revelations before the Senate Watergate committee, he said of his conversations with Mr Nixon on April 15, 1973: "I told the President that I hoped my going to the prosecutors and telling the truth would not result in the impeachment of the President. He jokingly said: 'I certainly hope so, also'." Today, his counsel, Mr Charles Shaffer, made a final, vain motion to defer sentencing. **Continued on page 4, col 4**

Spanish police shoot man in street demonstration

Seville, Aug 2.—Police shot a man dead and injured several others in a clash with a crowd demonstrating in protest against a water shortage at the small town of Carmona a Government spokesman said today. He added that the shootings last night were "accidental" and that the police merely intended to fire warning shots into the air. But the news agency Europa Press, said police reinforcements from Seville ordered the crowd to disperse, fired three warning salvos and then shot at people in the crowd "to repel an attack". The Government said one demonstrator, Señor Miguel Roldán, aged 37, died after being shot in the chest. A boy of 16 was shot in the abdomen and was critically ill. It is the first time for more than a year that Spanish police have shot dead a street demonstrator. Last year one person died and several were injured when police clashed with rock-throwing strikers in a Barcelona suburb. The spokesman said the demonstrators, mostly women, staged a "sit-in", blocking the main Madrid-Andalusia highway and causing heavy tourist traffic to pile up for seven miles. They were protesting against the failure of the authorities to do something about a water shortage. According to the spokesman, some demonstrators threw stones at the police who then fired the warning shots.—UPL

Supplies of sugar expected to rise from the end of next week

By Hugh Clayton. Supplies of sugar available to most shops will rise by more than a tenth from the end of next week. Tate & Lyle, the largest suppliers of sugar to British retailers, said last night that next Friday they would attempt to increase supply by 65 per cent of last November's level to 73 per cent. The news came as the Ministry of Agriculture began to release reserves to the retail market, and announced an attempt to encourage higher sugar output in Britain. Tate & Lyle said that hoarding had exacerbated a cut in supplies to Britain of Commonwealth sugar. That explained why the company had cut deliveries by up to 65 per cent while the total available to the country this year had been reduced by less than a tenth. "We really do think the situation should ease in two to four weeks," the company said. "There is probably more sugar in the nation's pantries now than there is in the shops." A Scuffles broke out at a Co-operative shop in Derby yesterday as customers struggled to buy sugar. "We never thought that panic buying would reach such a stage," the store said. "Some women were almost hysterical." It became clear yesterday that talks with shopkeepers about bread prices had floundered on the definition of "special offers". The Government wants shopkeepers to agree to sell bread at the price they were charging less than a month after the last general election, even if this is less than the general retail price. Many supermarkets were charging 12p for a large loaf in March whereas the authorized maximum in most areas is to be 14p. But shops will not be made to freeze prices if they can show that their low price in March was a special offer. The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection said last night that at the present stage of negotiations with retailers a special offer was defined as a cut price that had been charged for less than six months before March 20. If that was enshrined in the Government's planned order on bread prices it would release almost all shops from the obligation to keep bread prices below the allowed maximum. Record sugar price: The London daily sugar price yesterday reached a record level, rising £8 to £285 a long ton (our Commodities Editor writes). In the futures market the October position jumped almost £12 to £269.525 after trading at £272.50. United States refiners are desperately seeking to fulfill requirements and Middle East countries are active buyers, so dealers expect the rise in price to continue. One trader said that £300 a ton is highly likely in the near future.

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Concert pianist dies
Cyril Smith, the concert pianist, died yesterday at his home at East Sheen, London. He was 65. **Obituary, page 14**

HOME NEWS

Mr Fitt blames UDA power struggle for bitter statement

From Robert Fisk Belfast

In spite of the acrimonious statement issued by the paramilitary Protestant Ulster Defence Association after its secret meeting with the Social Democratic and Labour Party in Belfast on Thursday, some of its officers still hope that the two groups can meet again.

Mr Gerard Fitt, the SDLP leader, said yesterday that he believed the UDA's condemnation of his party on Thursday night was a direct result of a power struggle within the organization, and several UDA leaders let it be known yesterday that they would not oppose a second meeting.

Mr Fitt said that even while he and his colleagues were talking on Thursday with Mr Andrew Tyrrie and Mr Tommy Little of the UDA, other members of the Protestant organization were at work on the statement accusing the SDLP of hypocrisy and demanding that it abandon its aspiration of a united Ireland.

It is clear, indeed, that UDA men in east Belfast, perhaps the most militant district of the city, had argued against the meeting from the outset and that they played a prominent part in castigating the SDLP a few hours after the discussions had taken place. Mr Tyrrie has recently been trying to reason with the militants; only last Monday he had to explain his position to angry UDA members in east Antrim.

The UDA seems to be fairly evenly divided between those Protestants who feel that Catholics in Northern Ireland should still give up their hopes of a united country and who want the IRA defeated militarily, and those who believe that useful purposes can be served by a conflict between the two communities, however much they differ politically. Mr Tyrrie is one of the latter, and although there was plenty of disagreement at the meeting on Thursday, the two sides did share some common ground, not least a demand for the ending of internment without trial.

The proposal made yesterday by Mr van Straubenzee, the former Northern Ireland minister, that the Conservative Party should have little or nothing to do with Unionists in Ulster, prompted Mr Harry West, the

official Unionist leader, to try to emphasize the close links between the two groups. He said that the 11 Unionist MPs at Westminster had up to 70 Tories but he repeated that the Unionists' primary concern was with Northern Ireland rather than Great Britain.

Twenty accused. Two 16-year-old girls were among 12 people accused yesterday in connection with the killing of a woman whose body was found in a ditch beside a motorway near Belfast on Monday (the Press Association). All 12 were remanded in custody until next Friday.

One of the girls, with a man and three other women, faced Belfast magistrates on a charge of murdering the woman, Miss Orla O'Leary, aged 31, of Slon Mills, Co Tyrone, on July 24. The other joined six other women on charges of kidnapping Miss O'Leary the day before she was killed. One of the women charged with kidnapping is the mother of one of those accused of murder.

The police prosecutor said all 12 had made written statements, but when charged had all denied their guilt. Charged with murder were Albert Alexander Graham, aged 26; Elizabeth Douglas, aged 41; Joseph Agnes Brown, aged 17; Henrietta Cowan, aged 18; and a girl aged 16.

The seven women who appeared on kidnapping charges were Elizabeth Young, aged 32; Maud Tait, aged 20; Anne Marie Gracey, aged 28; Kathleen White, aged 49; and a girl aged 16.

The addresses of the 12 were withheld after applications by defence lawyers. Twelve men were being held in Dublin yesterday after a midnight raid by Special Branch detectives and uniformed police on a house in Edensmore, a northern suburb of the city. The men were to have been holding a "meeting".

They were detained under the section of the Offences Against the State Act which makes IRA membership illegal. No arms or ammunition are understood to have been found. Members of illegal organizations are believed to be among the 12.



Courtesy officers of Devon police pouring a cup of tea for holidaymaker Gail Godfrey at their advice centre in a layby near Willand on the A38 holiday route. They invite motorists to stop for refreshment to emphasize the dangers of driving while tired.

Report on film approved by GLC is sent to DPP after obscenity complaint

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Sir Robert Mark Metropolitan Police Commissioner, is sending papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions about a film, *More about Language of Love*, which received a GLC certificate.

Mr Raymond Blackburn, supported by Lord Longford, complained to the commissioner, seeking his advice as to what action, if any, should be taken. Mr Wistrich said yesterday: "I suppose they object to explicit shots. If you think there is something wrong with that you must think there is something wrong with sex."

Mr S. Coates, deputy assistant commissioner, has written to Mr Blackburn: "Yours was the

first complaint which had been received concerning this film, but in view of what you said in your letter, the commissioner had the film seen by officers of the appropriate department, and is sending their report and statements to the Director of Public Prosecutions, as he is obliged to do under the Prosecution of Offences Regulations, seeking his advice as to what action, if any, should be taken."

Mr Blackburn complained of explicit pornography. He said the film ended with a sequence similar to that publicized as the theme of *Deep Throat*. It was oral sex with thrust left to the

imagination. There were also sequences in which group sex was being practised in the presence of children.

Mr Wistrich agreed that a scene at the end included oral sex, but said it was not dwelt upon. Much of the film showed an earnest, middle-aged Swedish doctor talking about people's sex problems, for instance, how a man could overcome impotence and a woman frigidity.

Neither Grand National, the film's distributors, nor the cinema manager would comment.

Delays to law reform causing concern

By Our Legal Correspondent

Government delay in putting forward legislation affecting Ulster lawyers, which was on the point of being passed by the Northern Ireland Assembly before it collapsed, is causing growing concern in legal circles there.

The laws contain safeguards and benefits for the public. One would provide for compensating clients whose solicitors misappropriated their funds, and open the door to the setting up of neighbourhood law centres in deprived areas. The other would improve the availability of legal aid and advice.

Since the collapse of the Northern Ireland power-sharing Executive and Assembly, laws for the province can be made by Order in Council at Westminster. But few such orders have been laid and laws affecting all fields, which were expected to come into force months, and even years, ago are now in limbo.

The provisions setting up a compensation fund for the solicitors' profession and clarifying and bringing up to date all previous laws affecting them were contained in a Bill which originally came before the Stormont

Parliament. But Stormont was abolished before the Bill could become law.

The Bill eventually reappeared as a "measure" before the Assembly and had received the approval of the Assembly when it was prorogued. The same measure also contained an amendment which changed the rules governing solicitors to enable them, in certain circumstances, to practise in a neighbourhood law centre.

It is hoped that an Order in Council covering these provisions may be made in the early autumn, election permitting. But another piece of legislation is likely to have to wait even longer. This would have the effect of giving Ulster people the same rights to legal aid and advice as those in England and Wales.

Northern Ireland has always lagged behind in providing legal aid. The Legal Aid and Assistance Act, 1972, which gives people of low income the right to free, or very cheap, legal advice from a solicitor, with the minimum of formalities, does not apply to Ulster. The attempt to achieve parity is apparently being ignored by the Government.

Ship to be sold after 40 years as a school

The training ship *Arethusa*, moored on the Medway at Lower Upnor, Rochester, is to be sold. For the past 40 years she has been used as a training and boarding school for boys by Shaftesbury Homes; the school was closed recently.

The *Arethusa*, originally the *ss Peking*, in 1932 replaced the original *Arethusa*, which had been a boys' school founded by Lord Shaftesbury in 1866. She was built in Hamburg in 1911 as part of a merchant fleet specializing in the nitrate trade between South America and Europe.

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said yesterday in Stevenage that Labour was the only party committed to seeking the views of the people on the EEC through ballot boxes. She had a very much more open renegotiation will succeed", she said.

More for stable lads

Racehorse trainers at Newmarket agreed yesterday to back date payment of threshold agreements to their stable lads, who had threatened to strike unless it was so treated.

Two more fire bombs explode in Birmingham

Two more fire devices exploded in Birmingham overnight yesterday, both in timber yards. The first went off in a yard in the Moseley area, where an automatic sprinkler system prevented serious damage.

Two others were found at the premises and made safe. Then an incendiary device exploded at a yard in Anderson Road, Sparkbrook. Firemen brought the blaze under control.

Army experts later at the Anderson Road yard defused two more devices found in lorry cabs. Nobody was hurt in the incidents. Five firebombs early on Tuesday slightly damaged cinemas in the city. They were left timed to go off after the audiences had left.

Airport plea rejected

A proposal to lodge an immediate application for planning permission for a runway extension at the Leeds-Bradford airport at Yeasdon was defeated yesterday on the casting vote of the chairman of the airport committee.

Dispute at Kodak colour plant is ended

By Our Labour Staff

A long-standing dispute at Kodak's colour film processing plant at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, ended yesterday when the company agreed to give limited recognition to an outside trade union, the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians.

Union recognition claims led to a prolonged strike at the film laboratories last year, with customers' films being held up for several months. More recently, the plant has been affected by a two-month work to rule by ACT members, which has now been called off.

Kodak has always refused to grant recognition to any outside union, and has negotiated only with the internal Union of Kodak Workers. Now it has agreed to accept five shop stewards from ACT to represent the union's 150 members at Hemel Hempstead, although the union has still not been given full bargaining rights.

Controlled blast may have set off second bomb

A second, undetected bomb may have exploded by the controlled detonation yesterday of the fuse of Second World War bomb in the East End of London.

As families returned to their homes, disposal experts were puzzled by the amount of damage the explosion caused, including about a hundred windows shattered over 100 yards. A 40lb piece of casing was hurled 200 yards along the road from the building site in Plaistow, where the bomb was found.

The main crater left by the explosion appeared to be some distance from the spot where the fuse of the one-ton bomb was detonated.

Colonel Gordon Chave, in charge of the disposal operations, said a possibility being considered was that a smaller bomb may have been buried nearby. "I have sent one of my officers back to the site to make a final check, and he will have this possibility in mind", he said.

He was sure that all the main explosive filling was removed by the steaming-out operation, but the explosion seemed bigger than could be accounted for by the fuse and the small amount of detonating explosive.

Service workers delay flights from Heathrow

Many passengers were stranded at Heathrow Airport, London, last night after fuel workers employed by the Shell Oil Company stopped work to attend a mass meeting on working methods.

Fifteen British Airways flights, most of them to destinations within the United Kingdom, were delayed. Some overseas flights by British Airways, Alitalia, Air France and Swissair were also held up. Later Shell night staff agreed to work normally pending talks with the Shell management on Monday.

Woman jailed for football violence

A woman aged 21 with a long record of football violence, and her former boy friend were each sent to prison for nine months yesterday for causing a fight after a match.

Miss Gilliver and Mr Heywood together with five others were arrested in Wolverhampton after a fight in a shoe shop near the Wolverhampton team's ground.

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Mr Tain Morris, defending her, said: "She was released from hospital last year and has tried to keep out of trouble, but trouble is synonymous with her in the case of football."

Clay Cross rebel fears violence if bailiffs move in

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, challenging the appointment of the district auditor. Those proceedings ended when Mr Justice Megarry ruled in the High Court that their case disclosed no cause of action and was vexatious.

Last January the Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by 11 against that ruling. After the court's decision the 11, already disqualified, were formally prohibited from holding office as councillors for five years. Six of them later elected to the new North-east Derbyshire District Council were banned from sitting.

While yesterday's proceedings were taking place a small group of supporters carrying placards picketed the Law Courts.

like this they are going to create martyrs, for these people have got nothing."

Under the Labour Party should assist in paying the money for the people, who virtually owned the clothes they stood up in and no more, he added. "It all goes back to the fact that the Conservative Government refused to send in the Housing Commissioner after being requested to by the Clay Cross councillors."

"I have always been of the opinion that these councillors have been the deliberately sought-out victims of the Conservative Government looking for scapegoats for a highly unpopular housing policy.

taking the side of the previous Conservative Administration."

Mr Tom Torney, Labour MP for Bradford South, said the rebels "kept the banner flying for the kind of thing for which the Labour Party was founded to fight against."

He added: "I would hope that some means could be found possibly an appeal launched among Labour supporters and sympathizers throughout the land, to help these people. It is important that the movement should not let them down at this crucial time after their very courageous stand."

Mr Charles Bunting, one of the rent rebels, said in Clay Cross last night: "This is the first time during our fight that I have been afraid. If the bailiffs come they will face many of our supporters in the town who are prepared to physically fight them."

Tory MPs call for 'dirty tricks' details

By Our Political Correspondent

Conservative leaders were not anxious yesterday to make too much of Mr Wilson's suggestion in a BBC television interview on Thursday that people were using smear campaigns against figures in public life seeking to destroy public faith in politics and politicians.

They noted that Mr Wilson had declared he did not believe that any of the parliamentary parties wanted to see a collapse of democratic government. But he had mentioned smear campaigns in the context of the false allegation made against Mr Short, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the Commons, that he operated a bank account in Switzerland. That, Mr Wilson said, had been totally disproved.

The Conservatives pointed out last night that when the forged documents came into the possession of the press they passed them to Mr Mellish, the Government Chief Whip.

The forgery came into Conservative hands after it had been received by newspapers in Fleet Street, according to a Conservative official. No one in the party had tried to make any capital out of it.

But some MPs, noting Mr Wilson's reference, were asking that Mr Short should be given specific about an allegation which he made that a "dirty tricks department" was trying to discredit the Labour Party as the only hope of defeating the Labour Government.

Mr Edward Milne, Independent Labour MP for Blyth, said that those who alleged that a "dirty tricks department" existed should produce evidence to confirm it.

Mr Robert McCrindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar, said that when it was suggested that such a "dirty tricks department" was directing its activities against the Labour Party, there was a certain implication that the people concerned might be Conservative or were encouraged by the Conservative Party.

"I am absolutely certain this is not so", he said. "But, for that reason, among others, the sooner Mr Short can be encouraged to name names, if he has them, the better I shall be pleased."

Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative MP for Waltham Forest, Chingford, said he sympathized with Mr Short, who had been encouraged to name names, if he has them, the better I shall be pleased.

Mr George Gardiner, Conservative MP for Reigate, said the idea of such a department was ludicrous. He thought Mr Short had been the victim of a practical joke.

Mrs Williams states public-ownership case

By Our Political Correspondent

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, who is an ally of Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, in opposing extreme socialist measures, last night gave her view of the extent which a Labour government should intervene in private industry.

She said at a meeting in Stevenage that the Government had been much attacked in the press on the basis of rumour and artificially-created panic. Many of Britain's troubles, she said, were common to other countries—flation, low growth, low investment, and expensive imports. She said that the Government's proposals, to be made known soon, on such matters as public ownership, land, consumer protection and discrimination against women, should be judged on their merits and not on the speculation of Labour's critics and opponents.

The extension of public ownership is an important Labour Party principle. Provided the line between the private and public sectors is clearly drawn, so that both know where they stand, there is no reason for public ownership to be feared. Indeed, it would have been irresponsible to let private companies make colossal profits out of North Sea oil.

By 1980, at current prices, profits from the oil industry would be running at an annual rate of £4,000m. If nothing were done, 60 per cent of those profits would be retained abroad. That is not fair. Now the Government is taking a major stake in the new contracts. The British people must have a proper share of the benefits from the riches of the North Sea.

Mrs Williams said she suspected that some of the genuine

concern about public ownership (and much was not genuine) sprang from fear of a major extension of unrestricted state power.

I would myself not wish to see that, any more than I would wish to see any further concentration of private power in our society. We need not a concentration of power, but its greater dispersal. Public ownership can make that possible. Publicly-owned companies can compete with private companies; they can be run as cooperatives in which many share power, and they can, and in my view, should, be the pioneers in policies of industrial democracy.

Those industries should be responsive to consumers, Mrs Williams said. It was a fair criticism of traditional, Morrison-type nationalization that it gave too small a role to workers, people and to consumers. Referring to her own department, Mrs Williams said the voluntary agreement to keep down prices of basic foods, those which matter most to the prisoner or mother of a big family, was working well. All the fresh foods within it cost less than they did when the scheme began more than a month ago. Food subsidies, which had been condemned by the Opposition as indiscriminate, were worth far less to the wealthy than the additional tax they paid; and the least well off, including pensioners, got the full benefits and all of them were reached.

She said that means-tested benefits rarely got to even half of those people entitled to them, sometimes because they were too proud to be means-tested, and sometimes because they simply did not know how to apply.

Mrs Castle is blamed for increasing NHS difficulties

Wokingham and a former Under-Secretary of State for Health Service has known, Mr Timothy Raison, Opposition front bench spokesman, on health, said last night.

"At the present rate, Mrs Castle will go down in the history of medicine as the lady with the firefighter", he said. "Of course any Secretary of State for Social Services today would have faced vast problems over health service pay and finance. But the case against Mrs Castle is that she has needlessly exacerbated them."

Mr Raison was speaking in Aylesbury, his constituency. He said that Mrs Castle had aroused expectations which she knew she could not fulfil, and under her management antagonisms had flared up between NHS members.

She had also shown a disregard for Parliament. Her scrapping of the Conservatives' pension plans was "an example of her typical dog-in-the-manger attitude". She had tried the same sort of thing in her attempt to phase out pay beds.

"The sooner we can get a secretary of state determined to restore harmony to this important service, the better", Mr Raison added.

Sir Harnmar Nicholls, Conservative MP for Peterborough, said yesterday that he must contract out of the Conservative policy of retaining the school leaving age at 16. On Thursday, Mr William van Straubenzee, Conservative MP for

Wokingham and a former Under-Secretary of State for Education, told a conference at Oxford that the party was committed to that policy.

Sir Harnmar said yesterday that if Mr van Straubenzee's statement was official Tory policy then "I shall have to contract out of that particular decision".

He went on: "It is not wrong for a legislator to admit mistakes. Indeed, it is dangerous not to do so. I am an enthusiast for aiding and encouraging a longer school life for those who want it. But to force others who are not suited to continuing in the atmosphere of school at 15, and who do not want to do so, is both counter-productive and costly. I do not mean costly in money terms but in social consequences."

It diluted the academic attention that could be given to those who were suited and wished to stay on, and it delayed the preparation available by way of trade apprenticeships and other training available to beginners in trade and industry. It also bred a sour approach to life at the beginning of a person's maturity.

He had debated in Parliament the high standard of apprenticeship training which operated in his constituency. He had no doubt that for a child aged 15 who was not schoolroom oriented apprenticeship was to be preferred.

The value to the individual and to the nation was ten times greater than could be possible from forcing a new adolescent to continue in a school atmosphere with which he had no sympathy.

Weather forecast and recordings

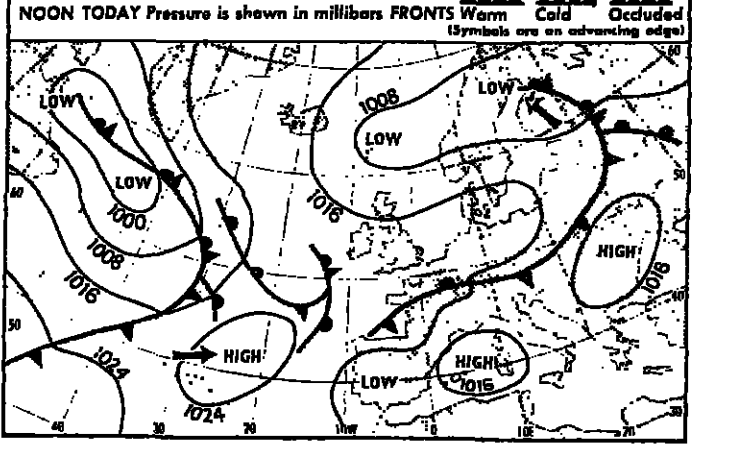


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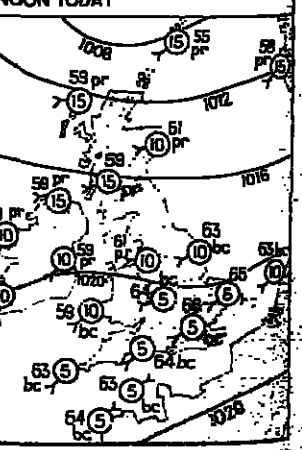


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A large table titled 'WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY' listing weather conditions for numerous cities across the UK and Europe, including London, Birmingham, Manchester, and Glasgow.

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HOME NEWS



Valery Panov, watched by his wife Galina, greeting Lord Olivier who led the campaign by Equity, the actors' union, to help the ballet dancers in their struggle to leave the Soviet Union and start a new life in Israel. The couple were attending a reception yesterday at the Israel Ambassador's residence in London to thank people in Britain who had helped them. The Prime Minister was unable to attend because of a Cabinet meeting.

New Zealand seeks 30 pc butter price rise

By Leonard Amey Agricultural Correspondent. Britain could have more New Zealand butter and cheese if she paid the right price, Mr C. Moyle, New Zealand Minister of Agriculture said in London yesterday. He has had a week of discussions with the British ministers.

Britain is still the most important market for New Zealand butter. New Zealanders have a guaranteed market in the EEC but the price is based on an average of the four years before British accession. Since then, production and transport costs have risen.

Mr Moyle estimated that the price would need to be 30 per cent to 31 per cent higher than at the start of April to cover those costs. Cost inflation had not stopped, and by the time a settlement agreed by the EEC was reached the figure might be nearer 35 per cent.

The increase need not involve a corresponding rise in prices for the consumer if EEC rules could be adjusted. New Zealand producers are getting £360 a ton and the wholesale price in Britain is £515. The £150 a ton levy represents a considerable subsidy to the EEC.

Mr Moyle agreed that New Zealand supplies had fallen short of entitlement, partly due to a diversion to other markets in recent years. This year butter supplies would be about 136,000 tons against the entitlement of 140,000.

Cheese shipments had fallen further behind because New Zealanders had been told there was no future in the British market after 1977 and there had been a good demand elsewhere. So far this year supplies had been only about a quarter of normal but he would be recommending to the Dairy Board that they should be increased in the remainder of the season. Prices would be negotiated in the trade and negotiations should start as soon as possible although he recognized that, with the recess starting in Brussels, it might be September or October before arrangements could be settled.

He said the British market was most important for butter in quantity, although better prices could be obtained elsewhere for smaller amounts. There were now buyers in the Arab states competing for other dairy products and sheepmeat, although their intake was limited by cold storage capacity.

Student in Red Lion Square clash fined

A student was fined £15 yesterday in the first case arising from the Red Lion Square demonstration in June. David Ripley, aged 20, of Routhorn Road, Sunderland, a student at Sunderland Polytechnic, was found guilty at Bow Street Magistrates' Court of threatening behaviour. He was ordered to pay £10 costs.

Police Constable Alan Burton, of the Metropolitan Police special patrol group, said Mr Ripley was in the front of a group of demonstrators who were forcing their way through a police cordon. After being arrested he said: "Why are you protecting fascists?"

National Front marchers were near the Conway Hall in the square at the same time. PC Jack Whitman said the crowd was shouting: "Racialists, pigs why are you protecting them?" He added: "The remarks were definitely directed at the police and accompanied by spitting."

Glasgow plan to control guard dogs

Proposals have been drawn up in Glasgow in an effort to avoid attacks such as the one last week when Peter Whyte, aged 10, was mauled to death by two Alsatian dogs.

The plan, drawn up by Glasgow's police convenor, suggests a register of all security firms using guard dogs, compulsory training, the tattooing of a number on each dog's leg so the owners can be traced easily, and also that all people using the dogs should supply full information to the police.

The plan is being considered by the city's magistrates who may approach the Government for legislation. A voluntary register of guard dog users has already been compiled in Glasgow.

Augustus John legend

Augustus John was one of the great names of the first half of the twentieth century, a central figure in the history of British art. He was also a man with an irresistible personality, around whom legends came to be woven.

The Sunday Times tomorrow begins serialisation of The Years of Innocence, vol 1, of Michael Holroyd's biography of the artist which is being published in September by Heinemann.

In brief

College named at Cambridge

Cambridge University is to name its proposed new college Robinson College after Mr David Robinson, the racehorse owner and former head of Robinson Rentals, the television rental firm, who provided £10m to build it.

Police attack charge

Cornelius Hyde, aged 29, unemployed and homeless, was remanded in custody for a week at Marylebone Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with attempting to murder Police Constable David Clements and using force when stealing £11,425 from Barclays Bank, Wellington Road, St John's Wood, on July 22.

Mother for trial

Mrs Elizabeth Wise, aged 37, of Forbury House, Kintbury, near Newbury, Berkshire, a cousin of the Queen, was yesterday committed for trial at Newbury accused of murdering her baby Emma, aged nine months, on June 6.

Football game echo

A jury at Exford Crown Court yesterday found 24 young football supporters guilty of unlawful assembly after a Luton Town-Nottingham Forest match. They will be sentenced on Monday.

Bridge reopens

The swingbridge over the river Ouse at Goulge which was damaged last December by a German cargo vessel severing the main Hull-Doncaster railway will reopen to local single line traffic on Monday.

Shadow for London

Mr Heath has appointed Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, MP for Hampstead, front bench spokesman with responsibility for coordinating policies affecting London.

Rail grant approved

Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, has approved a 75 per cent government grant for the £15m scheme to reopen and electrify the central low level railway, Glasgow.

A Liberal return

Mr Frank Phillips, aged 48, a train driver, was named yesterday as the first Liberal prospective parliamentary candidate for Carlisle in ten years.

Belgium bans entry of foreign workers

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Aug 2.—The Belgian Government has decided to ban the entry of foreign workers into the country, allegedly while it sorts out the problem of illegal immigrants.

Solidarity between jailed and jailor

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Aug 2.—There are indications today that the agitation of the inmates in French prisons is dying down. Since yesterday, there have been no violent outbreaks, but at the same time there is no sign that prison staff are prepared to end their partial strike action until their demands for better pay and conditions, and more consideration, are met.

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The Hague, August 2.—Thousands of angry Dutch farmers, protesting at EEC farm rules and dwindling incomes, today brought traffic chaos to Holland by blocking roads with tractors, combine harvesters and other agricultural machinery.

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The farmers are pressing the Dutch Government for financial support to offset what they claim are excessively low prices for their products in the EEC's price structure.

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Dr Jaap Boersma, the Social Affairs Minister, met farming organization leaders here today and promised that the Cabinet would discuss the agricultural demand for government measures to improve farmers' incomes at its next meeting.

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Lisbon sees Waldheim visit as UN accolade

From José Sherriff Lisbon, Aug 2. Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, arrived in Lisbon today to discuss Portugal's decolonization problems with the new leaders of the country. He is the first Secretary-General ever to visit Portugal, whose relations with the United Nations for the past decade and a half have been defensive rather than friendly.

Dr Waldheim was met at Lisbon airport by Dr Mario Soares, the Foreign Minister, and Dr Veiga Simão, Portugal's representative at the United Nations.

During his 48-hour stay in Lisbon Dr Waldheim will have discussions with Colonel Zasco Gonçalves, the Prime Minister, and Dr Soares. He lunched today with President Spinoza.

Dr Waldheim's visit is regarded as a triumph for the Spinoza regime. The history of Portugal's relations with the United Nations during the 1960s is full of condemnations of her African policy and demands for the independence of Angola, Guinea and Mozambique. The former Secretary-General, U Thant, declined repeated invitations to visit Portugal and her colonies.

At the airport, Dr Waldheim referred to the great changes that had occurred in Portugal. He said he was sure "that the United Nations, and I as its Secretary-General, will do everything we can to help" over the decolonization problem.

Another arrival in Lisbon was that of the first ambassador from a communist country, Dr Berich Butzke, of East Germany.

Beira, Aug 2.—An official ceasefire in Mozambique may be announced in the next 24 hours, sources reported here and in Lourenco Marques today. They said the ceasefire would end the 10-year guerrilla war with the Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo).

The main reason no dates and official communiqués had been issued on the matter, the sources said, was because "peace negotiations are in progress with Frelimo in several countries, and these negotiations are highly secret".

The negotiations were being held in Europe and Tanzania, the sources added. Ten days ago members of the Portuguese Army and Frelimo guerrillas joined forces to dig out landmines from ambushed roads and tracks.

The joint activities were followed by meetings organized by Frelimo leaders to inform people that Frelimo had come in peace and goodwill. The Portuguese authorities not only have allowed these meetings but in Nampula yesterday Army officials said they had held several meetings with local guerrilla commanders.

In Lourenco Marques the outgoing Governor-General of Mozambique, Dr Soares de Melo, returned from Lisbon last night to act as caretaker government until the military junta takes over from him.

In Luanda, members of Angola's three rival nationalist movements came together for the first time yesterday to demonstrate support for the Armed Forces Movement now ruling Portugal. The military Provisional Angola reported today.—Agence France Presse and Reuter.

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Brothers accused of murder

Three teenagers were sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday when they appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court charged with the murder of Roger Thornley, a stage designer, at Hungerford Bridge, Charing Cross.

They were Patrick Donovan, aged 18, his brother Robert, aged 17, both of Darlington House, Springfield Estate, South Lambeth, and David Baillie, aged 17, of Red Cross Way, Southwark. Also committed for trial was Garry Haris, aged 17, of no fixed address, charged with providing an alibi for David Baillie with intent to impede his apprehension or prosecution.

Press Council sets aside a finding

The Press Council has set aside an adjudication made in July, 1967, when it upheld a complaint by Burton Constituency Labour Party that the Burton Daily Mail knowingly misled its readers on a matter of public importance by reporting the nomination of an Independent candidate in Saffordshire County Council election but ignoring the nomination of the Labour candidate.

At no time during the election campaign, the party said, did the newspaper mention the existence of a Labour candidate.

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and should have published this information. On behalf of the editor, solicitors wrote to the Press Council on March 21, 1974, saying that the basis on which the finding was made was erroneous. Later inquiries showed that the newspaper had in fact reported the nomination of Mr Hancock (the Labour candidate) on the day of his nomination.

A copy of the issue of the newspaper of March 23, 1967, containing the announcement was forwarded on August 23, 1967. The newspaper again drew attention to the matter two months later.

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The solicitors said that in the light of an ill founded allegation made against the newspaper in another newspaper, it was of paramount importance that the finding in 1967 should be abandoned.

The Press Council statement, issued yesterday, was: "The complaint was made on a mistaken basis that no report of the nomination of and candidature of Mr Hancock was made by the Burton Daily Mail during the election campaign. The Burton Daily Mail accepted this misstatement. The council proceeded on this erroneous basis, agreed by the parties, and upheld the complaint against the Burton Daily Mail. The newspaper now asks that this adjudication should be reviewed and cancelled. After reviewing this case the council now finds that there was in fact no basis for the complaint and sets aside its previous adjudication."

Malta rejects EEC trade and aid concessions

From David Cross Brest, Aug 2. The Maltese Government has told the European Community that its latest trade and aid offer is completely unsatisfactory. In a message to community representatives in Brussels, the Maltese say they are dissatisfied both with the EEC trade concessions on agricultural products and with the Community's latest offer of financial cooperation.

Ten days ago, after months of hesitation, EEC member governments approved a new proposed trade and aid deal for Malta, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Spain and Israel as part of the Nine's "free trade" policy.

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Mr Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, emphasized his Government's interest in a European summit meeting for 1974 during talks here today with Mr Poul Hartling, the Danish Prime Minister.

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From Our Correspondent Budeffield. Four members of the Welsh Language Society shouting protests in Welsh were escorted by police from Budeffield Crown Court yesterday, after a member of the society had been jailed for six months. Earlier, Ifan Rhysiar Roberts, aged 21, a Bangor university student had asked for the hearing to be held in Welsh. He also asked for an interpreter.

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A fair trial. As Welsh was his first language Mr Roberts could express himself better in it than in English. I shouted at the judge in Welsh, so that he would not break Ifan's spirit, that he had sentenced him for his beliefs and that he would come out of prison stronger than ever.

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Mr Roberts, of Box Lane, Wrexham, appeared at the court for a breach of a six months' prison sentence passed on him by the same court in July last year for his part in a raid by Welsh Language Society members on the BBC's Holme Moss television station in February last year. He and three other members were said to have

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smashed windows, torn files, ripped out telephone wires and damaged equipment with a hammer, causing damage estimated at £322.

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Mr Roberts was found guilty of burglary and causing damage and had his sentence suspended for two years. He was brought back yesterday for breaking the conditions of the sentence. The court was told that since July last year he had made four court appearances on charges of stealing road signs, causing damage and obstruction. Speaking in English Mr Roberts asked the judge not to send him to prison. He said: "I am not a common criminal. I have the highest respect for the law but I break

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because I believe in justice for those who speak the Welsh language." He said he was taking his degree next June and wanted to continue with his studies. The judge told him: "You are not here to answer for your beliefs or for the cause you hold dear, but to be dealt with because of the means and methods you adopted in breaking the law in order to draw attention to your cause. However high your motives in furthering the cause of the Welsh language, the court feels that it has no alternative but to implement the

OVERSEAS

Palestinian leader attacks Soviet policy in the Middle East as guerrillas hold talks in Moscow

Beirut, Aug. 2.—The head of the militant Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) has attacked Soviet Middle East policy sharply, blaming it for a decline in socialist movements in the area.

The PFLP is not represented at the Moscow talks. Dr. Habash said his group's exclusion was manipulated by the PLO leadership itself, and not by the Russians.

recognition here, although the Russians have long supported the Palestinian cause. The sources said the office would be along the lines of the mission to Moscow by the PLO and recognized by the Soviet Government in 1969.

Mr Smith plays down big African vote

From Michael Knipe Salisbury, Aug. 2. Mr. Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, said here tonight that he had had confidential communications with the British Government on the procedure by which Britain might recognize any internal settlement reached between the Rhodesian Government and Africans at a round table conference which Mr. Smith proposed to hold.

that the white electorate's vote for the Rhodesian Front would turn some Africans further towards terrorism. Mr. Smith said that people who were prepared to vote such statements should be warned that they were heading for trouble. They would come off second best because that sort of thing did not pay in Rhodesia.

Warning in Israel on Arab troop moves

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Aug. 2. Mr. Shimon Peres, the Minister of Defence, told the Cabinet today that Egyptian military units had held manoeuvres crossing the Suez Canal from the African side to Sinai.

Little leniency shown to Mr Dean

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Until the judge had heard all the new tapes, the President was now delivering. He suggested that a tape of February 27, 1973 would show Mr. Dean explaining "negative aspects" of the cover-up to the President a month earlier than Mr. Nixon admits.

Ultimately, he said, "Mr. Dean is the one who broke the case for the Government." Every time he subsequently testified he had told the truth, he said, "as it is becoming more and more clear."

What about Mr. Butterfield? Mr. Shaffer argued, correctly, that it was only because Mr. Dean suspected that the President was taping him, and so testified, that Mr. Butterfield was asked about it by investigators.

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ANC leaders have indicated that they will not attend the proposed conference unless the authorities first release detained ANC officials, in particular Dr. Edson Sithole, the council's constitutional expert.

In a reshuffle of his Cabinet after Tuesday's election, Mr. Smith has promoted Mr. P. K. van der Byl, aged 50, to head the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence in place of Mr. Jack Howman. Mr. van der Byl is regarded here as the ablest man in the Cabinet.

The Syrians, Mr. Peres said, had installed 160mm mortars in the Golan Heights but they maintained the restrictions on artillery pieces in the disengagement pact, which did not include mortars.

Four in court after bank strike in Kenya

Nairobi, Aug. 2.—The nationwide bank strike which brought commercial banking in Kenya to a standstill for four days is over.

Hint that Delhi may forgo further nuclear tests

From Our Correspondent Ottawa, Aug. 2. The possibility that India will forgo further nuclear tests is hinted at today.

India decided whether to conduct more tests. In the meantime Canada's programme of nuclear cooperation with India, suspended following the test explosion, will remain suspended according to the Canadian background statement.

Bomb attempt on airline

Beirut, Aug. 2.—A man walked into the ground floor sales office of Pan American Airways in Beirut today and deposited an airline handbag containing a time bomb, a Pan American spokesman said.

arrested a man running away from the office and defused the bomb before it could explode, the airline official said.

Mr. Peres was consulting management of vehicle assembly and repair plants about the use of civilian facilities.

Minister resigns in Nigeria

Lagos, Aug. 2.—Mr. Joseph Tarka, Nigeria's Federal Commissioner (Minister) for Communications, has resigned, the Cabinet Office announced today.

India to intensify security operations in Nagaland

From Michael Hornsby Delhi, Aug. 2. Strain is showing in relations between Delhi and the state Government in Nagaland, which is led by the United Democratic Front, the unexpected victor in elections earlier this year over the Naga Nationalist Organization, which is supported by the ruling Indian Congress party.

Mr. Dikshit suggested that the Naga "hostilities"—as the guerrillas are called in Delhi—had been encouraged to increase their activities by the success of the United Democratic Front at the polls.

New Bhutto offer to rebel Baluchistan tribesmen

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Aug. 2. Mr. Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, today told rebel tribesmen in Baluchistan to lay down arms by October 15 or face the united might of the nation.

responded to the previous appeal and instead there was an increase in hostilities. Mr. Bhutto said that he had never been treated as a conqueror and that was certainly not how people in Britain regarded them.

Cocos Islanders advise UN not to interfere

Canberra, Aug. 2.—Inhabitants of the Cocos Islands in the Indian Ocean do not want the United Nations to impose any change on their way of life, representatives of the islands' Council of Headmen said in Canberra today.

General Amin calls off invasion

Kampala, Aug. 2.—President Idi Amin today abandoned his plans to mobilize thousands of troops and threatening for two days to annex a large chunk of Tanzania.

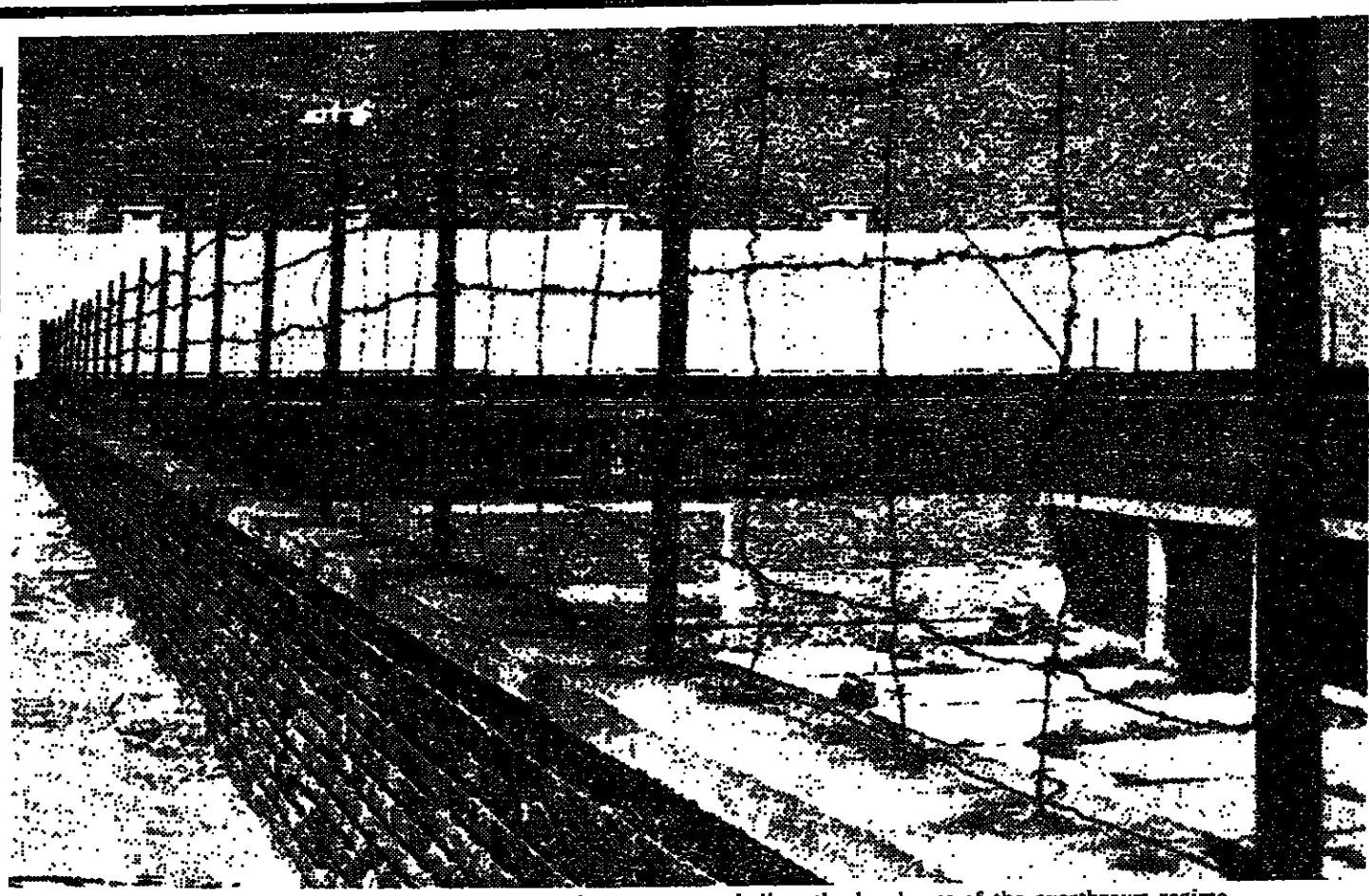
The Ugandan military spokesman said that because of these provocations, Uganda was considering invading Tanzania and establishing a new, more defensible border along the Kagera river. This would have involved the annexation of some 500 square miles of Tanzanian territory.

into exile in Dar es Salaam. Since then, the general has periodically accused Tanzania of trying to overthrow him and reinstate Dr. Obote.

Briton murdered in Zambia

Lusaka, Aug. 2.—An Englishman has been found murdered at his home north of here a week after his marriage to a Zambian nurse. He was William John Alistair, aged 38, from Gillingham, Kent.

There would be no end to it if we responded to each of these things," a Government spokesman said in Dar es Salaam. Nevertheless, President Julius Nyerere alerted his own army and the spokesman said Tanzania was ready to repel any invasion.



Barbed wire, round an exercise yard at Yaros island prison camp, symbolizes the harshness of the overthrown regime.

S Africa to strengthen defences on borders

From Our Correspondent Cape Town, Aug. 2. South Africa is strengthening its defences to meet the possible spread of hostilities on its borders, State President Fouché said in opening Parliament in Cape Town today.

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Air India is hit by pilots' dispute

Delhi, Aug. 2.—Only four of Air India's 34 weekly scheduled international flights are likely to be operational from midnight tonight because of a dispute between management and pilots, the airline's chairman, Mr. R. D. Tata, said today.

200 arrested in Argentina funeral clashes

Buenos Aires, Aug. 2.—Mourners marching in the funeral procession of the late Argentine Congressman Señor Rodolfo Ortega Peña, who was shot on Wednesday, clashed repeatedly with police today.

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Bangladesh call for flood disaster help

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SPORT

Racing Traquair can gain compensation for recent Newbury misfortune

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent THE PTS Laurels Stakes and the Nassau Stakes are the features of the last day of Goodwood's five-day meeting...

Take a Reef, the hero yesterday. Spring Stone won this race 12 months ago, but he has filled more to carry this time. He is thoroughly genuine, but he may be out of his depth now...

Piggott to take feature events at Deauville

From Pierre Guillot French Racing Correspondent Three English fillies are among the 16 declared for tomorrow's Prix d'Astaire at Deauville...

Material for first nursery in north

Northern Racing Correspondent It may be that Material for the first nursery in the north is already being assembled...

Mrs Crago takes the evening's honours

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris The overall rating for the Benson and Hedges professional ride, which is based on the three-day meeting at Cardiff Castle is all about, altered radically last night...

third place at the expense of another British woman rider, Caroline Brady. Malcolm Pryor is in fourth place at this stage with 10 points...

Goodwood programme

- Television (BBC 1): 2.0, 2.30, 3.5 and 3.55 races. 2.0 ROUS MEMORIAL STAKES (2-y-o; £1,956; 6f) 101 3116 Olga, A. Stevens, 8-11...

Thirsk programme

- Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races. 1.45 CROWN STAKES (1993; 1m) 1 20-0 Humble Boy, J. Muthall, 9-9...

Newmarket programme

- Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races. 1.30 PEGASUS MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o; £805; 6f) 1 00 George, G. Smith, 9-0...

Goodwood results

- FIGHTING BRAVE, B. C. by Mrs G. Harwood, 8-11. SHINY STRAWBERRY, 8-11. ALSO RAN: 7-3 (av. weight) 10-12...

Goodwood selections

- By Our Racing Correspondent. 3.55 Tracur, 3.35 Mill's Bomb, 4.5 Parbeu, 4.35 Private Walk.

Thirsk selections

- By Our Racing Correspondent. 3.35 Mill's Bomb, 4.35 One Night Stand, 4.30 Gallic.

Newmarket selections

- By Our Racing Correspondent. 3.30 Untraced, 3.0 Sergeant Reas, 3.30 Sunnest Day, 4.0 Magnific, 4.30 Pot Luck.

Thirsk

- 2.13 (2.17) TOPCLIFFE PLATE (2-y-o): DRACENA, ch. f. by Double...

Windor programme

- 6.0 SPRINGFIELD STAKES (2-y-o fillies; £447; 6f) 1 000 Argenta, F. Maxwell, 8-11. 10 000 Carr Stone, P. Waller, 8-11...

Market Rasen NH

- 6.0 LOUTH HURDLE (11-0; 2m) 1 0000 Merlin, S. Cawley, 8-11. 2 0000 Bill of Exchange, 8-11. 3 0000 Bill of Exchange, 8-11...

Newmarket selections

- By Our Racing Correspondent. 3.30 Untraced, 3.0 Sergeant Reas, 3.30 Sunnest Day, 4.0 Magnific, 4.30 Pot Luck.

Newton Abbot NH

- 2.15 RUGANTINO HURDLE CUP (£442; 2m) 1 0000 Scribble, C. 2-11-3. 2 0000 Scribble, C. 2-11-3. 3 0000 Scribble, C. 2-11-3...

Windor selections

- By Our Racing Correspondent. 6.0 COURTYN STAKES is specially recommended, 6.30 Farmington, 7.0 Paris Review, 7.30 Lucky 50, 8.0 N.Y. Chosen.

Market Rasen selections

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The Bagshot Commission

by Nigel Dennis

Excerpts from the proceedings of the 23rd day

... must warn, as on previous days, that laughter and murmurs are not in order in a matter of national importance.

Now, sir, you are the editor of the newspaper that employed Bagshot?

I am.

Will you kindly tell the Commission how and when you came to employ him?

It was the middle of January last year, or about that, and I was attending a cocktail party in the penthouse of Mr Plumb.

The transplant heart-surgeon?

Right. There was a big crowd of mixed types and I was on my way to a quiet corner when my eye fell on Bagshot. I went straight to him and said: "How would you like to do theatre pieces for us?" Or words conveying that meaning.

You were looking for a dramatic critic?

Yes. Our old one had passed on.

Had he been with you for some years?

Almost fifty, to say the least.

So you were offering Bagshot a position of lasting importance?

No, not really. All dramatic critics continue a long time. But their position is not important. That is why they go on holding it.

None the less, the position is a prominent one? You would not offer it to any Tom, Dick or Harry?

Not nowadays, I agree. We always used to.

So, when you made your offer to Bagshot you knew that the position demanded an Englishman of integrity and worth?

A good journalist, yes.

You say there was a large crowd at Mr Plumb's penthouse. Of what sort of persons?

Oh, just the usual London collection—columnists, one or two peers, people's wives, a few members of the Foreign Corps, some MPs, company directors.

Bagshot was talking to certain of these?

Not when I approached and addressed him. He looked a bit down at heel and out of things. He was not employed, you see.

Was he surprised by your offer?

I think so. He accepted it at once. The very next afternoon he came to my office with 5,000 words.

Which gave you the impression that he was a competent critic?

No, which proved how hard up he was. Punctuality always means a poor author. You soon learn that in Fleet Street.

So, Bagshot then became your dramatic critic?

He did that function, yes.

Now, I would like you to tell the Commission frankly, had you at the time of engaging Bagshot in this position of public trust heard any rumours or gossip about his private life?

Nothing whatever, apart from the usual sort of thing. What one hears about everyone.

What is it that one hears about everyone, may I ask? Be honest, if you can.

Well, let's say that... that when employed in the past, he'd conducted certain relationships... There'd been individuals of the sexes, so to speak, in parts of his life. There had been a receptiveness to sums of money. I mean, the things one keeps private... what everybody knows.

You would call that "the usual sort of thing", would you?

You know what London's like, is all I'm trying to imply.

In short, when you engaged Bagshot as your dramatic critic, you were aware that he had not a clean sheet.

Only in the sense I am talking about, yes.

But this did not deter you?

I have to get the paper out, sir. If I only employed clean sheets there would be all those blanks.

I see. So you never paused to think what harm might be done to the nation by a dramatic critic whose life you knew had not been straight?

No, sir.

Nor of the impression that your engaging of a corrupt critic might make in other countries—in New York, Paris, Sydney, Rome?

No, sir, as I say, I didn't think the job was of specific importance. We just have to fill that column.

The Commission has noted that the editorials in your newspaper contain frequent references to the lack of quality in the nation today—the corruption, the decadent spirit, the affluence. Who writes these editorials?

I write most of them myself.

You were able to go on writing them knowing that a man like Bagshot was, at your own request, filling your dramatic column?

We try and do our bit for decency.

... proceed now to the period leading up to the exposure and arrest of Bagshot. You have told the Commission that Bagshot's way of life was already under-way, or had been once, when he became your dramatic critic. Can you tell us if you observed any change in him, for better or worse, after he had assumed this position of trust?

Yes. He had a rather cringing, humble character so long as he was out of work. Then, after a few weeks on salary, I noticed he was more self-assured, more jaunty, even cocky. He dressed better. He purchased a motor car. He was invited to certain embassies. Sometimes, his copy came in late.

What caused this change, in your opinion?

Oh, his having a job, I'm sure.

You mean that he had become affluent?

Compared with what he'd been before. I remember his saying that he felt no nostalgia for the good old days.

What did Bagshot mean by that?

He meant when he was a young man, the Battle of Britain, past discomforts of all sorts, Dunkirk, rationing. The more bracing periods of our heritage.

Did he appear to hold a grudge against those periods?

I think I do recall a hardness—a not warm tone.

Did you caution him in any way?

I cautioned him about getting his copy in late.

But not about the effects of affluence?

No. The salary seemed not so great as to justify it.

However, about three months after Bagshot came onto your payroll, there was the occurrence called "The Clerkenwell Humdinger". Will you give the Commission your account of this?

Well, two of our reporters, hearing of this event, hurried to it with about 20 other reporters, I suppose, from other newspapers. But all they found when they got to Clerkenwell was—Bagshot.

What do you mean by "all they found" was Bagshot?

I mean, on climbing into the maisonette, they found, instead of an interesting story, there was only Bagshot.

Was the incident not just as horrifying? You recall what had been taking place?

Oh, yes, but as Bagshot was the main figure in it, the reporters felt... well... they felt it wasn't really a national story after all.

They decided to hush it up because Bagshot was a newspaperman?

They thought, yes, that it would be bad for national morale to expose Bagshot, even though he was only the theatre man.

The truth came through to you?

Oh, yes. I had to make the decision not to print it.

Did you send for Bagshot?

I recall there was some Middle East tension at the time. I was so engaged on it, I dismissed Bagshot from my mind. I think I tried to phone once, but he was out to lunch—with some official in a trade union, I was told.

So that even after you knew to what lengths he would go, you still retained him as your dramatic critic?

In a sense, yes. I never regard the theatre as part of the editorial side. Really, I try to keep them very separate.

Two months later, as we know now, Bagshot organized what is popularly called "The

Big Barbecue". I need not remind you of how the police described that weekend—"unimaginable in England" was a phrase they used. Did you know of it at the time?

I remember hearing it discussed and someone expressing astonishment.

At the horror of it all?

At Bagshot being able to do it. At his age.

Do you imply there was admiration?

Certainly not in Fleet Street. There was much deep disturbance.

But you were not disturbed?

I'm sure that I remember I was. But Bagshot's column was coming along well. It was even being read. I thought I should leave well alone.

By now, the reports of the sort of man Bagshot was had reached the ears of the general public, had they not?

Word-of-mouth rumours had commenced, definitely. Quite honestly, I think that's why Bagshot's column was being read. I can think of no other reason.

The British people were reading Bagshot's dramatic criticism because they knew of the scurrilous nature of his private life? Do you seriously suggest that?

I don't feel confident to judge, really.

Before long, Bagshot's reputation had reached the ears of the foreign press. That is correct, is it not?

No, he spoke to me—on May

the eighteenth: it was my wife's birthday, so I remember. He said that if by any chance he was becoming an embarrassment to the paper he would readily resign: he added something vague about he was getting plenty of money from other sources—office blocks, wasteland, something called health-parlours. I persuaded him not to leave us. I felt it would be morally wrong to leave him without work.

The Commission has Bagshot's bank sheets. They show an increase in his salary beginning in that week.

Yes. Interest in him was so growing that I thought I had better play safe. And that was when he said he intended to run for office.

What did he mean by that?

I think "stand for Parliament" was what he meant. He said he had the right contacts.

The following week Government stocks began to fall. That was the week you began placing a photograph of Bagshot, in dark glasses, at the head of his dramatic criticism.

Yes, readers like the personal image. It gives interest to the actual writing.

The so-called "Underpass Tragedy" followed almost immediately, did it not?

It did. Apparently, the concrete was sub-standard. Of course, I did not connect that with Bagshot.

And then the Sermons of the Seven Bishops, the Amin Prover, the stock-market collapse and the confession of the Czechoslovakian attaché? You knew that all this was because of Bagshot?

I was in such a state by then, I hardly knew which event was due to what. Bagshot's theatre column read more and more like the City Page and my editorials read more and more like theatricals. Circulation was climbing, stocks were crumbling, guilts in society were opening. Wondering what best to do, we began running Bagshot's life story in the middle of the paper, to enable us to attack it in the page adjoining. But it was no good.

What do you mean it was no good?

I felt my own moral standards being caught up in some overwhelming drift. I struggled to see where my duty to the nation lay, but all I knew was that if Bagshot wasn't arrested soon, it would mean my nervous breakdown. I kept phoning the police hysterically, struggling and appealing to their duty. When at last they booked Bagshot with the forged letters at Dunstable, I recall falling to my carpet and thanking God.

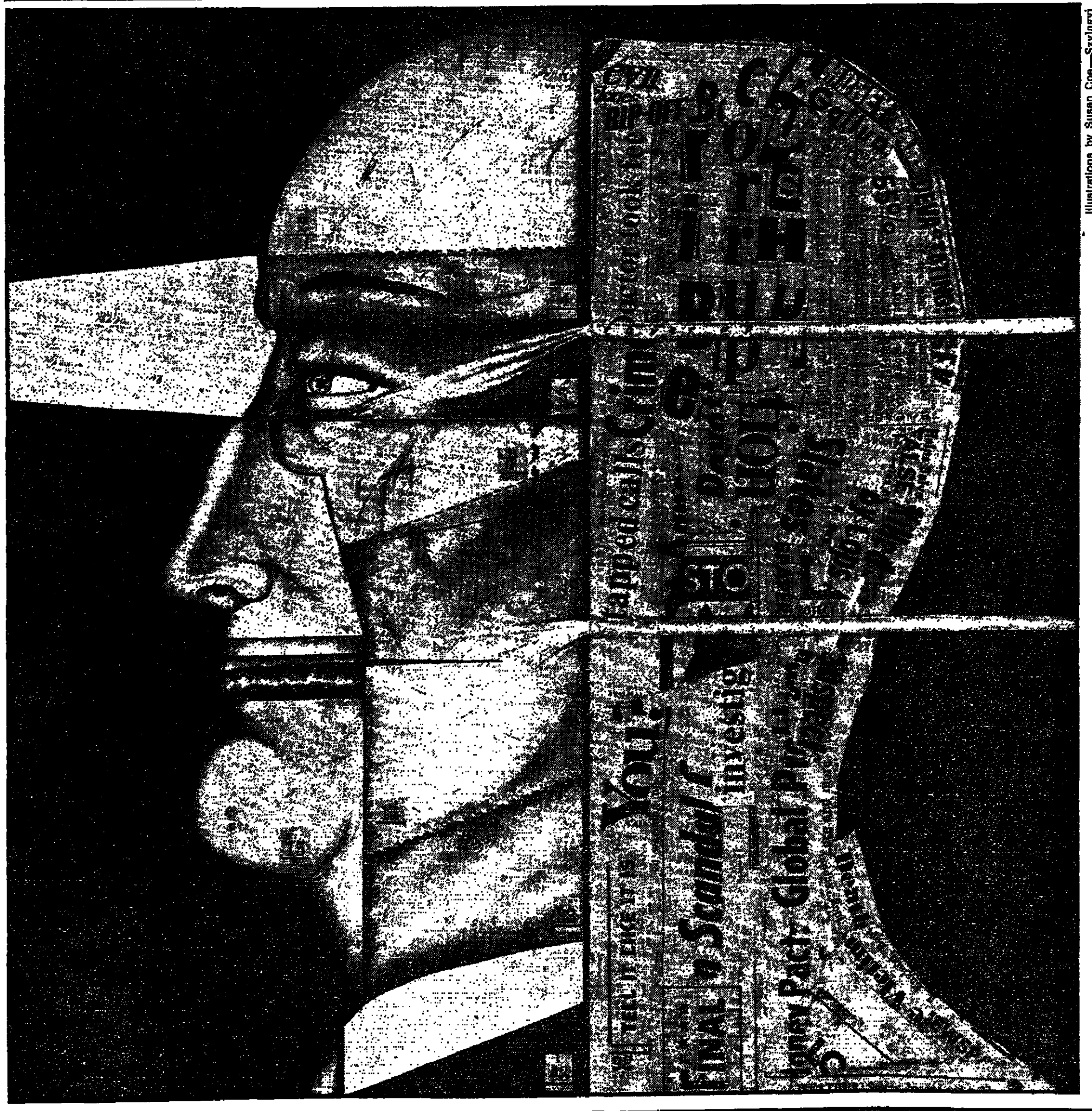
Bagshot is serving a long sentence for an astonishing variety of crimes and it is not the purpose of this Commission to try his case a second time. What we have been asked to find out is whether Bagshot is an exceptional Englishman or exemplifies some deeper rottenness in this society. Have you an opinion on this point?

I am confident Bagshot is the latter—a nationwide malaise. As I see it, once we lost our great power—ceased to be, I mean, a Great Power—we still had our great moral power, signifying that the poorer we got, the more the other nations knew what we were going without, and could look up to us for. Now, they can't do that any more, because our affluence is preventing them: they just feel that we are no better than they are—that's what's injured them so bitterly about Bagshot—to have killed their respect.

But none of this occurred to you when you engaged Bagshot at Mr Plumb's?

I knew about our power ebb and that our morals were barely holding together. And I knew that Bagshot wanted work. I never dreamt that to give him the theatre column would bring the house down.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL: Evenings of 7.45

Sat 10 August: Prokofiev, *Edenbach*, Cleveland Quartet, Tedwell Wind Quintet, Martin. Mozart, Schubert, 'Four' Quintet, (Alfichetti solo).
Sun 11 August: Cleveland Quartet, Edenbach, Tedwell, Armstrong, McDaniel, Prokofiev. Schubert: Quartet in D. 703, Mahler Klavierquartett. (1st UK Perf.). Songs from Das Knaben Wunderhorn.
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Sat 17 August: 9.15 p.m. An Evening with Oscar Peterson. Programme for BBC TV 'Oscar Peterson' which will be filmed for future transmission.
Sun 18 August: Prokofiev, Cleveland Quartet, Lloyd, Williams, Prokofiev, Gurt, Tedwell, Martin, Prokofiev. 'Haydn', Schubert, Bennett, Musgrave, Mendelssohn.
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Out for the Count

The Count of Monte Cristo

Theatre Royal, Stratford E

Irving Wardle

This time round the Theatre Royal welcomes patrons at the door with numbers on the musical saw, and a small barrage balloon tethered to the roof; while down in the lavatories there are brand new dungeon jokes.

For once, however, fun corners the whole show, which is a more disciplined affair than has been seen of late at this address. Whether the theatre will take this as a compliment is another matter. I have a suspicion that Ken Hill (adapter and director) set out to do with *Monte Cristo* what others have done with *The Three Musketeers*, only to discover that this plan is unworkable. No one can remember the entire plot of the *Musketeers*, so there is no obstacle to burlesque additions. But with *Monte Cristo*, Gothic romance exerts its spell and once the story is under way, all one wants is to see it worked out without interruption.

At the outset, the company tread water with the usual Theatre Workshop backchat: *rapport* with the front rows raising much higher than the establishing character and situation. Travesty cabin boys get goosed every time they trudge across with a spar, and the villainous Fernand offers his love song to Mercedes with a love song in a highly dubious Catalan. There are some gauche members of the company; but Bill Zappa gives them a dashing lead, and stages an impressive half-time change from the fresh-faced young Dantes to the Count, returning to seek out his prey like a vampire bat.



Arthur Mitchell, Ronald Pery and Lydia Abaca

Arthur Mitchell: Dance Theatre of Harlem

"We don't want people to think of us as a black ballet company," Arthur Mitchell told me. "Of course we are black, and because we are black, that is the point of interest that gets people into the theatre. But after watching, even just for three minutes, I hope you forget that. What matters is not the colour of the skin, but whether a dancer is a good dancer or not."

Three years later, Mitchell was a member of New York City Ballet; after another four he was a soloist, and the list of the leading roles he danced is impressively long. But five years ago he decided to start Dance Theatre of Harlem, an affluent family, or middle class. I knew what it was like to go without a pair of shoes as a child, and I had to go back to Harlem to give other people a chance.

Dance Theatre is a school as well as a company. "We are a community-oriented school. Anyone can come and study if they are willing to accept our standards. We have children and adults, even grandmothers. What I expect is that everyone does the best he is capable of. If someone can do five, I expect five from him. If he can do three, I want that, not just one or two. But quality is what we are after, not quantity."

From the start, I made the students work on stage too, because I think that if you study 10 years, then suddenly start performing in front of an audience for the first time, that's a very difficult transition.

"When we gave our first season at the Anta Theatre, we had what we called Arts Discovery Week with all the students at one dollar, and we invited senior citizens, schools, all sorts of groups. There were old people there who had never seen live theatre in their lives, with tears running down their faces because they did not know anything like this existed. And Lincoln told me 'Because you are black, you will have to be better than anyone else simply to get into the corps de ballet, and I thought that's fine by me. I did not want to be a headline, you know, Black Dancer Breaks Barrier, I wanted people to accept me for what I was.'"

John Percival

The Festival Ballet

Eva Evdokimova is to join the Festival Ballet as a resident principal. She will be dancing in this new capacity for the first time during their season at the New Victoria Theatre, which runs from August 5 to August 24.

Evdokimova has trained and danced with many of the world's leading companies. Having started at the Munich Opera Ballet School she later joined the Royal Ballet School before going on to the Royal Danish Ballet. She returned to Germany in 1969 to join the Deutsche Oper as a soloist, and in 1973 she was appointed their prima ballerina. She has always been greatly influenced by Russian teachers and dancers, having worked with Dudinskaya at the Kirov in Leningrad, and studied with Russian teachers in Denmark and Germany, and she was recently partnered by Nureyev in *Ragtime*. She has been a regular guest artist with the Festival Ballet since 1971, and during the coming season will be dancing in *Swan Lake* partnered by Kelvin Coe.

Elisabeta Terabust, a principal with Rome Opera Ballet and a regular guest artist of both the Festival Ballet and the Royal Ballet, will again be joining Festival as a guest artist at the New Victoria. She will be dancing in *Coppelia* and *Les Sylphides*, in which ballets she will be partnered by Von Loggenburg and Kerrison Cooke (*Coppelia*) and Kelvin Coe (*Les Sylphides*).

The New Victoria season is made up of three programmes: August 5-10 *Coppelia*; August 12-17 *Les Sylphides* and *Prodigal Son* (In Ragtime); and August 19-24 *Swan Lake*.

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Stuttgart Ballet

Covent Garden

John Percival

Thursday's triple bill by the Stuttgart Ballet included the only work all season that is already familiar in London. Both of the Royal Ballet's companies have danced *Jeu de cartes*, but it is interesting to see it performed by the company for which it was created, with some of the original cast still giving their roles a special authority.

Among those are Egon Madsen as the Joker and Birgit Keil as the Queen of Hearts. Both time the comic incidents perfectly; particularly amusing are Madsen's attempt to intervene in the already winning hand in the second deal, and Keil's hesitant begging for mercy when displaced by him from the first deal.

Bernd Berg and Jan Stripling among the flush of hearts are also from the original cast. With Reid Anderson, Vladimir Klos and Jiri Kylian making up the hands, the solos are all danced with strength and wit. Their ensembles, too, have a swaggering cohesion.

The other Cranko work on this bill also prominently features the male dancers. *Concerto for flute and harp* is set for 10 men and only two women. The detailed beat of Mozart's music has evoked a small-scale choreographic patterning which is always apt and fluent but never notably arresting.

Quick, involute entries for Judith Reyn and Heinz Claus

Handel

Albert Hall/Radio 3

Alan Blyth

Any composer who had written a work as great as Handel's *Dixit Dominus* would have been justified in laying down his pen for good saying, as Elgar did in another context, "This is the best of me." In fact, the magnificent choral setting, which dates from 1707, was only the first of Handel's many masterpieces, but nowhere else did he again quite catch its spare, enterprising counterpoint.

The performance by John Eliot Gardiner and his Monteverdi Choir Orchestra (time he renamed his forces now that they so often and so successfully stray from their eponymous hero's music) matched the work in clarity of purpose and brilliance of execution. In its two most resourceful choruses, "Juravit Dominus" and "Dominus a dextris tuis" the singing had just the bravura character required with the vital inner parts coming out as clear as the bright, assured soprano line, and the originality of the setting of such individual words as "ruinas" and "conquistabit". The performance was crowned by the almost complete confidence shown in the difficult fugue "Gloria".

In the solos, Maureen Lehane mastered Handel's difficult divisions better than sustained notes, and Felicity Palmer was her usual competent self. Both

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Murder at the Vicarage

with Barbara Mullen

Murder at the Vicarage, by Agatha Christie, will spend next week at the Richmond Theatre in the course of its present tour. The cast is headed by Barbara Mullen as Miss Marple. Though she is well known to television audiences as Janet in *Dr Finlay's Casebook*, this will be Barbara Mullen's return to live theatre. She created the role of Miss Marple in the original production at the Playhouse, London, in 1949.

The director is Laurence Payne, who is himself a writer of detective stories, and the designer, Helen Wilkinson.



Jeu de Cartes

International Painting Prize "J. W. Goethe"

In Rome, to celebrate the restoration of the historical tavern that J. W. Goethe used to frequent, Angelino Di Tormargana establishes an International Painting Prize dedicated to the great poet.

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Good Food Guide

Spanish with a touch of criollo and Indian genius

The cuisines of Latin America seem to vary according to the local Indian heritage. In Mexico, the food is unusual because the flame of the Indian genius there still burns brightly. But in countries where the conquistadores encountered few Indians, or managed to wipe them out, the cuisine is much more Spanish, though modified by the nature of local produce.

provincial, with a high beamed ceiling and brick arches—and is thronged with gringo tourists, anxiously urging the waiters to go easy on the garlic. Fortunately the chef makes no such concessions, and served up a deliciously ill-balanced meal of garlic, garlic and garlic.

Trujillo. After the latter's assassination in 1961, she stayed on and set up her own restaurant. But maybe the taste of Lina's cooking is.

chicken, pork, beef, goat, sausage, together with roots such as yam, yam and yuca, and pumpkin and plantain (a coarse banana), all seasoned with garlic and Tabasco. It was excellent yet, because it is a local peasant dish with low status, you will not see it on smart menus.

from. The two best-known dishes are *pabellón* and *hallaca*: we did not think much of them, but maybe we tried them in the wrong restaurants. *Pabellón*, the Spanish for "flag", is so called because it comes on an oval plate with its parti-coloured components laid side-by-side.

like many of the better *Criollo* restaurants, this one is large, crowded and informal, with rustic 'log-cabin' décor, brisk service and a brasserie-like atmosphere. A band plays local music in the evening.

rate by any standards—arguably Chilean, but they are dear; imported Spanish wines are cheaper.

to the average English mixed grill as, say, the finest Marseilles bouillabaisse to brew Windsor.

Opera Great Wagner in the making

Tristan und Isolde Bayreuth

William Mann

The Wagner festivals in Bayreuth are going through a period of change. Wieland Wagner's productions are, sadly but necessarily, being dropped now that their author is no longer here to keep them alive and authentic.

on the sick list, her official understudy not yet ready, so that Ursula Schröder-Feinen (Mr Everding's Isolde in Hamburg) had been borrowed from Munich where she was rehearsing for *Die Frau ohne Schatten*.

The real news about this performance was the masterly conducting of Carlos Kleiber, making his Bayreuth debut to the sort of applause (well deserved) usually accorded only to a Knappertsbusch or Böhm; and then the exquisitely beautiful settings, based on taut, transparent string curtains and back projections, by Josef Svoboda who, thank goodness, has rediscovered his former flair.

Mr Kleiber's reading was nobly and dramatically shaped, by the clock quite fast but impassioned, full of detail and ideal in pace for the singers as well as for the action. He does not mistake juicy

moments for climaxes: the summit of the first prelude was intense but not ear-shattering because the music must (and did) sound even more tremendous when Tristan and Isolde drink the cup of atonement, the draught of death which is really the draught of eternal love. Then Mr Kleiber and the superb orchestra, and the unique Bayreuth acoustic, thundered forth and we were all duly shattered.

The second act love duet was shaped with similar care, a marvellously euphonious, translucent intermezzo in Brangäne's aubade, an irresistible climax for "O ewige Nacht". In the third act the long symphonic development of themes during Tristan's great monologue was kept firmly at bay, though all the famous counterpoint was clearly audible; the climax happened later, in the right place, and nothing was so impressive as the gradual dying fall of the Liebestod music. It is a treat to hear a great Wagner conductor at work in Bayreuth again, after a long lapse of quality at this level.

Svoboda's sets for this *Tristan* are plain but magical, especially the afforested summer-house of act two (though it omits the warning torch and the flowery back), dense and green and apparently impenetrable until people are seen walking through it, and the last act with its huge, blossoming tree, a stroke of sheer enchantment. The first act set is duller, stiff in its lines, hampered by the curtain which is no practicable sail and fails to open when Brangäne goes to visit Tristan at the helm: the action at this point does require a clearing of the decks, and to let us see through the curtain does not quite match Isolde's call for air in her stuffy cabin.

Svoboda's sets are, properly considered, part of Everding's production which is also spare, strong on humanity—especially the relationship of Isolde and her equally young maid-servant (Yvonne Minton, vocally replete, a great gain to Bayreuth). It is Brangäne who reacts first, and most positively, to the drinking of the love potion, she who dominates



Catarina Ligendza and Yvonne Minton.

the opening of the second act; she is more human than the princess Isolde.

Thereafter Mr Everding's production does not altogether live up to its settings. Helge Brühlhoff's Tristan is stiff and slow and uneloquent, even in the hysteria of the third act when he seemed to be nursing his voice too. Donald McIntyre sang Kurwenal grandly but made a too modest go at the tough old retainer. Kurt Moll lavished rich, warm, dark bass tone on King Mark's monologues, but did not bring them to the vivid urgency that is their due.

The physical effect of the love potion is powerfully conveyed: Tristan and Isolde have to be kept apart by force. Much else in the production is as yet unfulfilled, especially the characterization of main roles. In a couple of years, given some recasting, more intensive work by Everding, and the return of Carlos Kleiber (in any case a must), this should become a great Bayreuth production.

Food

The freshness of mint

1 pint distilled malt vinegar
6 oz granulated sugar
Strip the mint leaves from the stems. Wash and shake or squeeze dry in a towel. Chop the mint finely or pass through a "parsmit" which does the job in no time. Place in a bowl.

Measure the vinegar into a saucepan, distill the clear distilled vinegar as opposed to the brown malt vinegar; supermarkets sell both. Add the sugar and stir over low heat to dissolve. Bring to the boil, and pour over the mint. Leave until cold. Pour into one or more clean screw-topped bottles. Cover tightly and store away from the light. To use, spoon out the amount required and stir in more vinegar to taste.

Two of the most refreshing summer recipes I know are flavoured with mint and both are the palest green in colour.

Cucumber and mint soup
A bouquet of mint gives the flavour to this cucumber soup during the initial stages of cooking. Serve the soup hot or cold and stir extra chopped mint into the soup about five minutes before serving so that it takes in more flavour.

Serves 6
2 large cucumbers
2 oz butter
3-4 sprigs fresh mint
pinch sugar
salt and freshly milled pepper
1 pint milk
1 onion
1 bay leaf

1 oz flour
2-3 chicken stock
2-3 tablespoons single cream
freshly chopped mint for serving

Peel the cucumbers, slice in half lengthways and remove the centre seeds. Chop the cucumbers up and blanch in boiling water for two minutes. Drain well. Melt 1 oz of the butter in a saucepan, add the cucumber, a bouquet of the mint sprigs, sugar and a seasoning of salt and pepper. Cover with a lid and cook gently for about 15 minutes, or until the cucumbers are tender.

Meanwhile, infuse the milk with the onion and bay leaf for about 15 minutes. Melt the remaining butter in a saucepan and stir in the flour. Cook over the heat for a minute and then gradually stir in the strained milk. Beat well and bring up to the boil to make a smooth sauce which is used to thicken the soup.

When the cucumbers are tender, add the chicken stock and blend for a few minutes, until the sugar has dissolved, then bring to the boil. Wash the mint leaves and squeeze dry. Place in the glass container of an electric blender. Pour into a large refrigerator tray or a polythene freezer box. Cover and place in the freezer. As the mixture becomes icy round the sides, turn the edges into the centre with a fork. Then when the mixture is half frozen turn out into a bowl and chop the mint very finely. Whisk lightly to blend the ingredients and add a little green food colouring if liked. Pour into a large refrigerator tray or a polythene freezer box. Cover and place in the freezer. As the mixture becomes icy round the sides, turn the edges into the centre with a fork. Then when the mixture is half frozen turn out into a bowl and chop the mint very finely. Whisk lightly to blend the ingredients and add a little green food colouring if liked. Pour into a large refrigerator tray or a polythene freezer box. Cover and place in the freezer. As the mixture becomes icy round the sides, turn the edges into the centre with a fork. Then when the mixture is half frozen turn out into a bowl and chop the mint very finely. Whisk lightly to blend the ingredients and add a little green food colouring if liked.

Fresh mint ice cream
You need a blender for this recipe. A mint flavour comes through best when served cold and makes a delicious ice

cream. The mixture tends to be rather pale, but one drop of green food colouring added to the mixture brings up the colour nicely.

Serves 6
4 oz castor sugar
1 pint water
1 teaspoonful mint leaves, stripped from the stem
juice 1 lemon
1 pint double cream

Place the sugar and water in a saucepan. Stir over low heat until the sugar has dissolved, then bring to the boil. Wash the mint leaves and squeeze dry. Place in the glass container of an electric blender. Pour into a large refrigerator tray or a polythene freezer box. Cover and place in the freezer. As the mixture becomes icy round the sides, turn the edges into the centre with a fork. Then when the mixture is half frozen turn out into a bowl and chop the mint very finely. Whisk lightly to blend the ingredients and add a little green food colouring if liked. Pour into a large refrigerator tray or a polythene freezer box. Cover and place in the freezer. As the mixture becomes icy round the sides, turn the edges into the centre with a fork. Then when the mixture is half frozen turn out into a bowl and chop the mint very finely. Whisk lightly to blend the ingredients and add a little green food colouring if liked.

There is a limit obviously to the number of "tiers" one can have because you have to stand on a tall pair of steps to do the necessary trimming. But a row of pleached limes, well trained and kept well trimmed

Katie Stewart

Gardening A strawberry year



Grandeé—heavy-cropping strawberry.

As I expected, several readers have written to say that they have had very good and heavy crops from their Grandeé strawberries in the second and third year. As I have said before, mine is not why I treat my strawberries as an annual crop.

I sampled another of Ken Muir's introductions the other day—Domanil. This is also a large strawberry, coming in after Grandeé, and it should appeal to those who prefer the flavour of Royal Sovereign which is more acid and sharper than Grandeé but needs a lot more sugar.

If you are going to keep your strawberries for another year trim off all the old leaves and pull off the runners. Then take a careful look into the young growths in the heart of the plant. There may be aphids present and these need to be dealt with smartly by a suitable spray such as Rapid.

Roses have done well this year and an application of a rose fertilizer would help them now to produce a good autumn show. Many people dead head their roses by simply snatching off the faded flowers. This does not encourage the production of autumn blooms. The dead heading, also cutting roses for the house if done properly is a form of summer pruning calculated to stimulate a later crop of flowers.

Always cut with as short a stem as you need, and cut to just above a plump bud or, perhaps easier to recognize, cut back to just above a compound leaf consisting of five leaflets.

I fear mildew may be a problem with roses, so a course of treatment with dinocap or a recommended rose fungicide would be wise. There are multi-purpose fungicides, for example, Murphy's systemic fungicide, that control mildew, black spot, and other diseases. Be careful when using systemic fungicide to follow the makers' instructions implicitly. This applies, of course, to all sprays but especially if you are using systemic ones—those that are absorbed into the sap stream of the plant—on edible crops.

By some strange coincidence several people have brought me the same problem: some have had a building next to their property which they dislike intensely and wish to hide as soon as possible. I suggest a quick-growing conifer like *Cupressus leylandii* which, with plenty of water and fertilizer, you can have up to six or seven feet in three or four years, depending on the soil and situation. In each case my friends have said they do not want an evergreen—conifers they say are sombre in the winter.

I then suggest some of the golden *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* which will grow into a medium sized broadly conical tree—not, of course, to be trimmed as a hedge. If they turn this down then I suggest they plant some lime trees. Planted about eight to 10 feet apart they will soon make a thick screen in summer—bare in winter of course, but even so the branches are produced thickly enough to make a reasonable screen.

Of course, if only a short run of screening is involved, the limes could be planted eight feet apart and pleached. That is, a horizontal framework of bamboo canes is fixed from tree to tree about three feet apart and branches are tied to these as they grow. After about three years the canes may be removed. There is a limit obviously to the number of "tiers" one can have because you have to stand on a tall pair of steps to do the necessary trimming. But a row of pleached limes, well trained and kept well trimmed

each year, is most attractive. Naturally one would plant shrubs under or just in from the row of limes to screen the view beneath the lowest branches. There is a surprising number of shrubs that thrive in heavy shade—and the shade from pleached limes would not be all that heavy.

For the acid soils of course, we have the rhododendrons and camellias; on ordinary soils aucubas, saccocornus mahonias, Fatsia japonica, and a whole host of the low growing ground covers like *Pachysandra terminalis*, *Cornus canadensis*, *Hypericum calycinum*, ivies, and all the periwinkles both the varieties of *Vinca minor* and *V. major*.

Jobs for August
● Trim hedges. Do not use shears on broad leaved laurels—prune them with secateurs. If a leaf is cut the bottom half will wither.

● Prune wisterias by cutting new shoots back to four leaves at the base of the growths that have flowered, and tying new shoots in to take their place.

● Climbing roses make few new growths so tie these carefully so that they are not broken away in a storm. Bend the shoots over as near the horizontal as possible to promote flowering side growths.

● If tulip or daffodil bulbs were dug up and heeled in after flowering they may be lifted, cleaned off and stored in a dry place until planting time in October.

● If not already done, line out young plants of wallflowers, cheiranthus, myosotis and sweet williams in a nursery bed—put the plants six inches apart in rows of six apart.

● Finish planting leeks and winter brassicas, kales, brussels sprouts and sprouting broccoli.

● Cut out branches of black currants that have carried fruit, provided there are plenty of new growths to replace them.

● Cut old raspberry canes out at the base as soon as they have finished fruiting. Tie in the strongest new canes to take their place, and remove all unwanted new growths.

● Mildew is appearing on young growing tips of gooseberries. Spray with dinocap several times at 10 day intervals, as the fungus overwinters on the gooseberry stems.

● Disbud dahlias if long stems and good sized flowers are required for the autumn. Disbud buds leaving the tomsot bud on each stem. If large flowered chrysanthemums are needed, disbud them as for dahlias.

● Watch for pests on dahlias, chrysanthemums and gladioli, and apply the appropriate spray according to the maker's instructions. At this time of year a combined insecticide-fungicide spray such as Heryl Plus is excellent. Or a combination of any given manufacturer's spray which he states are compatible and may be mixed, may be used.

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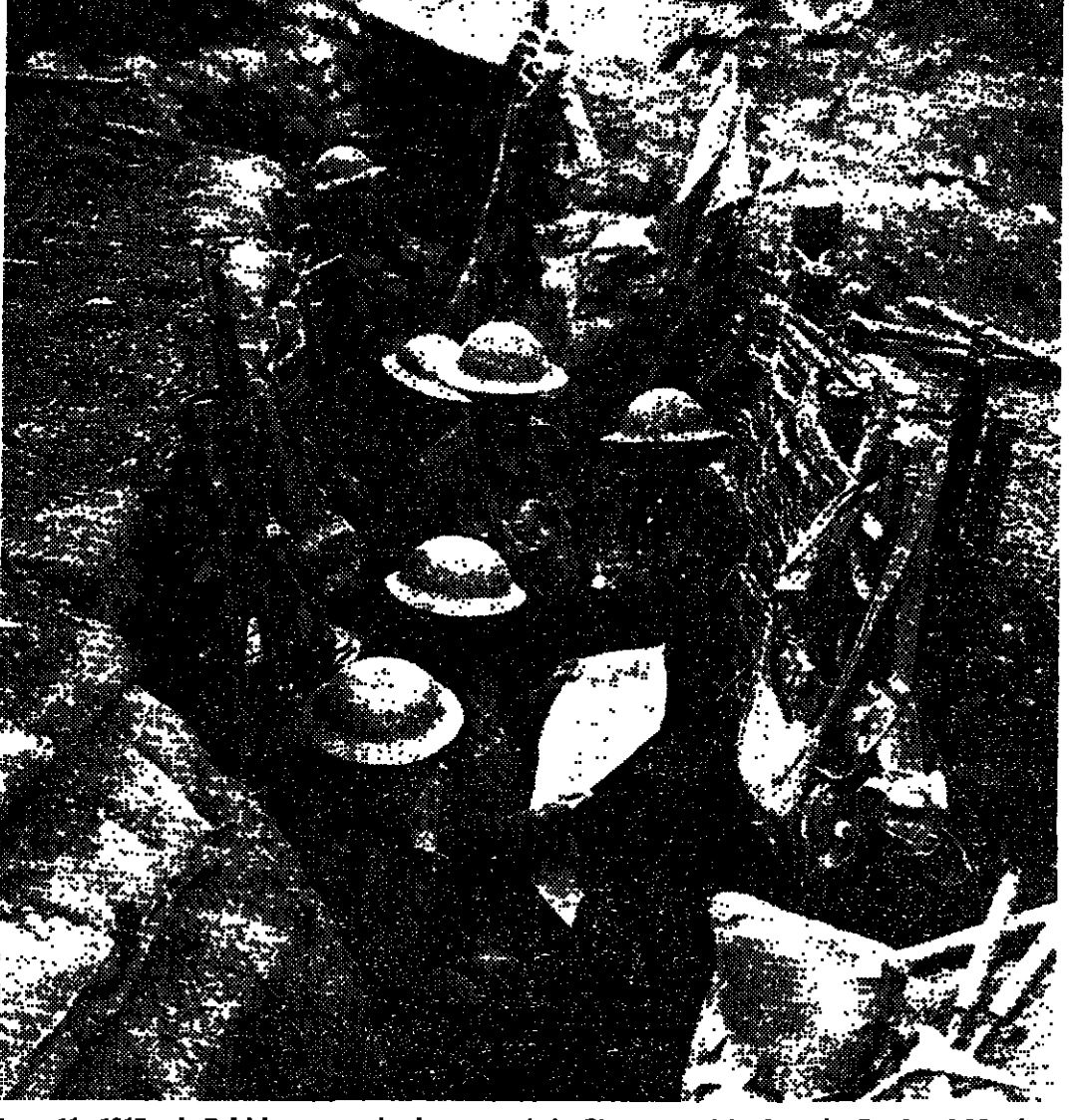
Familiar faces that will be missed in the Commons

There might not be a general election in the autumn after all, if Mr Wilson became convinced during the next few weeks that the Labour left had robbed him of any prospect of success by its provocation, not to say alienation, of moderate opinion. In that event, he could be expected to carry on until the spring.

The remarkable literary legacy of the First World War

Death was the inspiration for the poets of the trenches

Tomorrow is the sixtieth anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. The next four years were, in terms of human life, the most expensive in recorded history. To an extent which has never been paralleled the young men on both sides were despatched to the slaughter.



June 11, 1917: A British communications trench in Ploegsteert Wood at the Battle of Messines

I cannot recall the authorship of the following lines (it may have been Gibson): "We ate our breakfast lying on our backs. Because the shells were screaming overhead. I bet a shilling to a loaf of bread."

The Welsh National Eisteddfod

Bards prepare to go into battle

In some parts of the world you may know a man's prowess by the number of his cattle, camels, wives or feathers in his bonnet. In Wales it is caps and chairs.

The Bishop of Bristol on the World Council of Churches

Ideals of an ecumenical adventure

It is a question of what we may yet do to make this a world in which it will be safe for our grandchildren to be white.

Sportsview

A golf millionairess in the making

She has not won a tournament in the United States since turning professional in 1973. She lies fourth in the American order of merit. In the Colgate European championship at Sunningdale next week, Ladbroke has quoted her as having no better than a 14 to 1 chance.



Laura Baugh: Single minded concentration.

Peter Kyle Golf Correspondent

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PARLIAMENT MUST DECIDE

Britain's present troubles are nowhere better illustrated than in our approach to membership of the European Community. Though we have been in the Community now for a year and a half, those opposed to membership have managed to keep the issue open. They have changed their ground, from the original argument which turned on the "terms" of entry, to concentrate on holding a referendum. That is now seen as the decisive test, regardless of the consequences.

The result, as with so much of our economic policy, is that our approach to the Community has been bedevilled by doubt and inconsistency. In the ensuing uncertainty, industry has lacked the confidence to lay firm plans, to take full advantage of the new European market. Moreover, it is not only Britain who suffers; our partners, understandably frustrated, have lost confidence in us in the process, too.

Granted, the idea of a referendum has always had a spurious attraction. Why shouldn't the people decide? Mr Wilson's answer in the 1970 election campaign, when official Labour policy was firmly against it, was that a referendum would raise a whole series of questions going back 200 years on what Parliament is about. Parliament, he maintained, was elected to use its judgment, knowing what the country as a whole needed to have done. If that argument was right then, it seems even stronger today, when the fissiparous forces in our society have grown so variously and alarmingly.

No, the reason why in this coming election the referendum issue is likely to loom so large is one of political opportunism. In opposition, against the previous wishes of the party leadership, Mr Benn succeeded in getting the issue voted through in committee; and from there, given the many no doubt genuine differences of opinion within the party on Europe, it was but a short step to elevate the referendum to a point of principle: the one device which could bind the party together. If at the same time it embarrassed the Conservatives, implying that their

opposition was somehow undemocratic, so much the better.

The fact remains that virtually all those who have come into contact with the European Community are in favour of Britain staying in. For a start, all Commonwealth countries are broadly in favour. They see far greater advantages for themselves in Britain being a member of the largest market in the world, with a chance of influencing its development to be more "outward looking" than in trying to resurrect a trading relationship which was already crumbling. Any British Ministers who may have entertained the notion of some new, purely Commonwealth link, have received not the slightest encouragement.

As for the United States, it rapidly made it clear to incoming Government that Britain's value as an ally lay precisely in our European connexion. An offshore island, though it would have its sentimental side, would be something else entirely. Mr Callaghan's achievement, as Foreign Secretary, has been indeed to recognize the force of both American and European spheres of influence, and to seek to bring the two sides together. Under his adroit diplomacy, relations between Britain and the United States have thrived; and insofar as the conduct of negotiations in Brussels is concerned, he has reassured our partners of his good intentions.

It is fair to note, in this context, how Mr Callaghan's own view on Europe has been changed by the experience of office. When he became Foreign Secretary, his attitude was widely described as sceptical, and his first approach to the Community sounded rather like a declaration of war. But Mr Callaghan found, as others have in the past, that the supposed monolithic monster of Brussels was, in reality, quite polite and accommodating, and that very many of Labour's fears, as expressed in the party's election manifesto, were either unreal or unjustified. He may still be, at heart, a sceptic, but it is largely due to his sensible and constructive approach that the other members of the Community, too, would prefer Britain

to remain a member, despite all our hawking.

One fact of life today arising from our parlous economic state, is that while it is not at all a promising prospect for Britain to go it alone, the Community could very well withstand a British withdrawal, however regrettable. It is a general view, among those who would have to bear the consequences of our coming out, that it would be a disastrous policy. Not only would it weaken all our international relations but we could not, on the economic front, expect especially favourable treatment. A country as dependent on trade as Britain is not in the same position as Norway.

Much is sometimes made of a policy of buying "cheap" food. Alas, there is no possible bargain to be done to restore our privileged position in that respect. The balance of supply and demand in the world has changed so radically, witness the spiralling of commodity prices, that there is no going back to the 1930s, or even the 1960s. To pretend otherwise is mere wishful thinking. It is true that world prices have at last fallen back a little; there might, from time to time, be the chance of making a quick deal; but to base our industrial policy on such fleeting opportunities would be nonsense, particularly since so far as can be foreseen from this point, the pound will be liable to weaken.

Neither in this nor any preceding Parliament has there been a majority against membership of the Community. It may well be that there is no majority in the next Parliament against it. The design to hold a referendum represents, in practice, an attempt to abort the parliamentary system. Since the objections to British membership of the Community of people like Mr Michael Foot are that it threatens the sovereignty of Parliament, insistence on a referendum is contradictory, defeating the very purpose they are seeking to achieve. It would, surely, invite government by referendum. If in the end, a consultative referendum is held on the European issue, Parliament must still have final responsibility to decide the issue.

MOVING WHITEHALL OUT OF LONDON

Only three civil servants out of ten still work in London. After two major programmes of dispersal in a service that was never very centralized, the number remaining in the capital begins to approach the irreducible minimum of those doing local work and those whose presence at the centre of affairs really cannot be dispensed with. The Hardman report last year managed to find 31,000 jobs that might be moved, but made it clear that even in some of these cases the arguments against dispersal were very strong, and were only to be overcome, if at all, by exercise of the greatest care in finding the right place for the right category of staff.

The proposals announced by Mr Short this week did not show much sign of such care, either in the way they were introduced or in their content. The Hardman report laid great stress on the importance of discussing plans fully with the staff concerned at every stage. Although there were consultations on the report itself, it is clear that the service was given no adequate idea of the way the Government's mind was moving, so that the public announcement was an unwelcome surprise. For although Mr Short proposed to shift the same number of workers as Sir Henry Hardman, he has decided to shift them a good deal farther, and with less apparent regard to the interests of efficiency.

The morale of the service is in a bad enough way at the moment. In the last few years it has been subjected to unusual stresses. The quantity of wasted work caused by reversals of official policy has never been so great. The pressures of inflation have impelled many civil servants to resort to industrial action for the first time. Successive calls for public economies have their effect on conditions of service. At such a time it is more than ever important to ensure that changes involving families being uprooted from home and friends should be broached with full consultation. The programme is a ten-year one, which offers ample time for discussion. Over such a period it should be possible to ensure that the workers who move do so voluntarily. There are some in the Ministry of Defence for whom mobility is a condition of their contracts, but in most cases it should be quite possible to find a satisfactory solution even for them.

The announcement made the Government appear in the role of an inconsiderate employer, but what is more to the point for the rest of us, it also made it appear less concerned with efficiency than with making a short-term political effect. The motive of bringing jobs to depressed areas has been given altogether too much weight. The workers left in London by previous campaigns

for dispersal tend to be headquarters staff who need to be in relatively close touch with one another and with Westminster. Hardman set them mainly in towns within easy reach of London, in carefully calculated batches. Where outposts in the provinces already existed, like those of the Ministry of Defence in the South-west, he preferred to steer the new emigrants in the same direction.

Under the new proposals nearly nine tenths of the jobs go to assisted areas. Some 6,000 of the Ministry of Defence's staff will be sent to Glasgow. Of course, there is something to be said for providing more, and more varied, jobs in regions of high unemployment. It is sure to be popular in the areas concerned. But in practice the effect of all those new jobs, half of them already filled by outsiders, will be slight in each area. The effects on the efficiency of the ministries themselves are likely to be very much more apparent. The decision over the Ministry of Defence is probably as misconceived as the last Government's decision—which Mr Short has not reversed—to banish the Companies Registration Office to Cardiff. In matters of this kind, the effective administration of Britain as a whole must take precedence over the interests of any part of it, and over the catching of votes.

National Front and Ulster

From Mr John Tyndall
Sir, in your report of July 29 you say that the National Front has had a connexion with Protestant "private armies" in Ulster "longer than most people imagine". This is in fact untrue. We have no association on an official level with any such organizations but have only met certain members of theirs on an unofficial and informal level to discuss the Ulster situation.

If this means "having connexions", then by the same token we have connexions with the Labour Party and Conservative Party because our members have met and spoken to their members at some time in the past. I don't think your paper would try to suggest any such connexion.

It is also misleading to talk of connexions with "protestants" as if the National Front were a sectarian organization. In fact we take no sides in any disputes of religion but merely support those people in Northern Ireland, of whatever religion, who are loyal to the British Crown. In fact the late David Riddell, one of our Ulster members to whom your report refers, was a Roman Catholic Loyalist.

It is perfectly true that I met Mr Andy Terrie during a recent visit to Belfast as I met many other Loyalist representatives. This does not mean that there is any association, bond or connexion between his organization and mine. We simply met as two people who have a mutual desire to oppose Irish republicanism in Ulster. This does not mean that either of us is committed to supporting the other's methods of opposition: to republicanism.

I am not in a position to be able to comment on the methods used by the National Front is resolutely opposed to all terrorist activities in Ulster, whether they be by republicans or Loyalists or vice-versa. I am quite willing to admit, however, that we have sympathy for those Loyalists who have organized their own means of self-defence against terrorism in the event of the refusal of successive Westminster governments to employ official security forces in a manner that ensures the adequate protection of the Loyalist community.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TYNDALL, Chairman,
National Front,
50 Pawsdown Road,
Croydon, Surrey,
July 30.

Schism on Mount Athos

From Canon A. M. Alchin
Sir, Your correspondent, the Rev Seraphim Newman-Norton writes (July 26) of the dangers of schism existing at the present on Mount Athos. That tensions and differences exist on the Holy Mountain no one could deny. But what is much more impressive at the present time is the fact that the long continued decline in the number of monks there has come to an end.

In the past five or six years increasing numbers of young men, some of them highly educated and of real ability, have been entering the monastic life. Already the community in three of the ruling monasteries, Stavronikita, Philotheou and Simonos Petra, have been almost wholly renewed. In the central administration at Karyes one feels a breath of new life.

The Athonic communities are revealing powers of renewal, which very few Western observers anticipated. In the long run it is these developments, rather than the much publicised troubles at Esphigmenou, which are likely to shape the future of the monastic republic.

Yours truly,
A. M. ALCHIN,
12 The Pinnacles,
Canterbury.

Communications barrier

From Mr Francis F. Stutz
Sir, This firm is currently endeavouring to conduct some business on behalf of trustee clients involving one of the London boroughs. It may interest your readers to know that we have just received a communication dated July 25, signed by the Chief Executive and which (without disclosing name or place) reads as follows:

"I thank you for your letter dated July 19 enclosing your replies to my enquiries. I have to inform you that, owing to industrial action, all letters posted to me between May 20 and July 18 are locked away and will not be opened for an indefinite period. In the circumstances I have not yet received your letter dated June 14, but, if you care to forward me a copy, it will reach

The structure of Essex University

From Professor Mary Douglas
Sir, Your leading article on the University of Essex (July 31) does less than justice to the Annan Report in drawing most attention to the need for political skills on the part of individuals. The report has also some important things to say about institutional weaknesses. These I believe to derive from a mistaken social theory.

Dr Sloman, the Vice-Chancellor, was himself in his Reith lectures in the 1960s a distinguished exponent of that view of society which is still fashionable in educational circles and still gathering force in other quarters. It supposes that people can best work together when hampered by the minimum of institutional rules, separated by no formal distinctions, but only inspired by their commitment to a common aim.

Such a theory might do well for disembodied spirits. But humans need their identity made visible and their responsibilities defined. Boundaries and roles enable identities to be established. When they are ambiguous, those caught in ill-defined institutions invariably resort to blame-pinning among themselves. I have argued this at length with many tribal and modern examples in *Purity and Danger* and *Natural Symbols*.

The Annan Report is the case-history of the failure of a social theory. It records the new students'

sense of homelessness in the broad-based first-year course common to them all: it notes the deliberately weak spatial symbolism (no junior common room, no senior common room, no territorial identity for the teaching departments), and it notes the ambiguous allocation of responsibility. Not the Vice-Chancellor's lack of political skills but the institution's lack of structure is to blame for the place deserted at weekends, the lack of student societies, the difficulty of making friends except at student demos, the inaccessibility of staff and their low regard for simple teaching.

In such unstructured societies we invariably find forms of witch-hunting or the tendency to attribute personal blame and accept no responsibility, which Lord Annan notes. To take the lesson home we should stop requiring of our colleagues impossible political skills and blaming them when they cannot produce them. The destruction of good will and of good reputations is as damaging as the destruction of physical property and both are inevitable causes by ill-devised institutions. Yours, etc.,
MARY DOUGLAS,
United Oxford and Cambridge University Club,
77 Pall Mall, SW1,
August 2.

Dartmoor's clay pits

From Mr Keith H. Sach
Sir, I recently spent one week in Devon and Cornwall with the Mining Industry Manpower and Careers Unit and visited both of the sites to which Lady Sayer makes reference in her letter to you today (July 25). Her impassioned plea for the archaeological significance has my support. But the mining of china clay in Devon benefits the south-west peninsula in a substantial way and this cannot be lightly dismissed by reference to the mining companies' profits and to the balance of payments problem.

The village of Lee Moor with the village of Wotter would not be thriving units of life were the 800-plus employees of the English China Clays Group in Devon made redundant. In an area of the country renowned for the threat of depopulation, any attempt to reduce an industry employing so many workers would be a disaster. The 1830s must be seen not only in the light of the conservation lobby but also in terms of local and national economic repercussions.

Present china clay production in Devon and Cornwall is 21 million tons per year and 75 per cent of this is exported. The expansion of the industry in recent years has brought the English Clays Lovering Pochin & Company the Queen's Award to Industry in 1966, 1969

and 1971. It was good to see that the company had tied its future expansion to progressive landscape restoration over the next half-century and that much time and trouble had been invested to ensure that in both the short and long term, everything was being done to make the needs of the industry and its workforce compatible with our duty to preserve an area of great natural beauty.

I would hope that the efforts of mining companies to plan for a restored landscape for Dartmoor would inspire cooperation of Lady Sayer and her colleagues. It is illogical to maintain an all-out opposition to this very valuable industry and the thousands of men and women who rely on mining for their living cannot be expected to exchange this for an unspoiled landscape of the moors, however magnificent.

There is more than one potential national tragedy in such a situation. I would not wish to exchange environmental damage for large-scale unemployment. As the report of Lord Zuckerman on *Mining and the Environment* (1972) pointed out, much can and is being done to steer a sensible middle course between these two polarized alternatives.

I remain, your obedient servant,
KEITH H. SACH,
25 Stourton Road, Ainsdale,
Southport, Lancashire,
July 25.

Legitimacy for Greece

From Professor Leonard Schapiro
Sir, I have been prompted by the correspondence in your columns on the new régime in Greece, and especially by a letter of July 25 from my colleague Nicholas Davouris, to reflect on the insecurity of Mr Karamanlis's position. He has accepted power from a usurping and self-appointed régime and can therefore claim no greater legitimacy than that régime. This makes him very vulnerable to attack from future would-be usurpers, whether of the right or of the left.

In this respect, Mr Karamanlis's position recalls that of the Russian Provisional Government of 1917. Its lack of legitimacy (it was in reality self-appointed) was a powerful contributing factor both to the speed and to the ease with which its influence was eroded by the elected Petrograd Soviet, and by the even more astonishing ease with which the Bolsheviks were able to sweep the government aside in November, 1917.

Two members of the Provisional Government had indeed foreseen this danger and tried, in vain, after

the abdication of Nicholas II for himself and for his son, to persuade the Grand Duke Michael to carry on the dynastic continuity which alone should have given the Provisional Government the legitimacy which it lacked. Whether the radical majority in that government would have accepted the continuation of the monarchy is of course very questionable.

I am not competent to judge how far the immediate return of King Constantine to Greece is either a practical or a political possibility. But there can be no doubt at all that it would enormously strengthen Mr Karamanlis's position. If more people in Greece who support Mr Karamanlis were to realize the importance of legitimacy for every government (which I am astonished today as a "hasty purism"), this itself might make some of the difficulties which stand in the way of the return of King Constantine less insuperable.

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD SCHAPIRO,
London School of Economics,
Houghton Street, WC2,
July 31.

Evacuated from Cyprus

From Miss Sheila Hampson
Sir, As one of a group of tourists who spent the weekend of July 17 to 20 in the Ledra Palace Hotel, Nicosia, I should like, through your columns, to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to all the people involved in arranging and carrying out the evacuation of those who were stranded in the hotel during the heavy fighting.

In particular, I wish to mention:

- (1) The Canadian UN contingent, who worked ceaselessly to arrange a ceasefire in the area, and risked their lives in an effort to get the opposing sides to observe it.
- (2) The officers and men involved in the British Army convoy who so efficiently and courageously organized our "rescue" from the hotel.
- (3) The military and civilian staff of the British bases at Dhekelia and Akrotiri, who worked so hard and

cheerfully to organize accommodation, food, and transport for thousands of people.

(4) The RAF in Cyprus and at Lyneham, for their efficiency, kindness, and understanding, under extreme pressure.

In addition, I should like to thank those members of the international press, radio and television, who were also in the hotel at the time of the fighting, and who kept those of us informed as best they could of the current situation. By their calmness and professionalism in a dangerous and tense situation, they helped to keep our morale and spirits at a reasonable level.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA HAMPSON,
Dublin 4,
Ireland,
July 26.

* We have received many similar letters of appreciation.

Statutory lie

From Mr J. Constable
Sir, Correspondence on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill drew attention to the "statutory lie" which could be required of witnesses under oath.

As trustee of a very small estate I recently tried to obtain repayment of a time expired loan to Dewsbury Corporation. I sent to their successors, Kirklees Council, the deed and a completed form in favour of repayment. They have returned the document and require me, as an essential precedent to repayment, to sign a statement that I have received the money. Not only do they require me to sign this lie but they insist that a third party should witness my shame and sign to that effect.

To meet my objection, after a most courteous conversation, I was offered the alternatives of attending at Huddersfield's or Dewsbury's Town Hall to exchange the deed for cash across their counter.

Can administrative convenience or legal practice justify this insistence on an inherently false receipt?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CONSTABLE,
149 Sherwood Road,
Hall Green,
Birmingham 28,
July 25.

Patient and doctor relationship

From Dr Victor Freeman
Sir, The questions raised by Professor Allen (July 29) and the dilemma in which he and his family have been placed, require explanations which, it is to be hoped, will be both forthcoming and reassuring.

If the facts are as set out by Professor Allen, it is difficult to understand why the request for removal from his practitioner's list should have been linked with similar requests in respect of his wife and two children. It would also be desirable to have further information as to the authority of one doctor member of a group practice to remove patients' names from the practice list of the whole group, except of course with their concurrence. Professor Allen made no mention of any request to be placed on the lists of the other doctors of the group.

Modern medicine requires team work, and group practices and practitioners at health centres provide many patient advantages, but the fact has to be faced that groups may come to occupy a monopoly or near monopoly position, and patients may have little freedom of choice outside the group covering the locality. It would be wrong to attempt to turn the clock back against the team conception, but there should be a more satisfactory answer to the kind of dilemma experienced by Professor Allen, which must also have been experienced by many others. An unwilling doctor is not the best one for the patient, but within a reasonable group or health centre area, there must be an obligation to provide treatment as necessary without delay from one or other members of the team.

Professor Allen also refers to the absence in general practice of criteria of relative competence and no further tests after qualification. In January, 1974, medical audit became the law of the land in the United States, although at present applicable only to patients whose medical care is paid for by the government under Medicaid or Medicare schemes. Doctors must identify deficits in patient care, criticize their peers, and hold them accountable for variation from standards. If it is shown to work in most other American insurance schemes will adopt it.

In the United States medical audit is now well established as a formal activity of the medical staff in several hundred hospitals. Whilst considerably different from that in the United States and medical audit in family practice presents more complications than in hospitals, we should at least consider organizing pilot studies in both. It is necessary to evaluate the quality of medical care and, if possible, to improve standards falling below accepted levels.

Finally, Professor Allen refers to the non-provision of opportunities for patients to raise questions. Perhaps a limited opening has now been provided through the setting up of Community Health Councils in respect of which the Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Security, is currently making encouraging democratic noises, which Professor Allen might think should be amplified somewhat.

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR FREEMAN,
Birwood,
Chokes Lane,
Chalfont St Giles,
Buckinghamshire,
August 1.

to ascertain whether it is considered that the student has the necessary attributes of personality and social motivation that will make a good medical practitioner.

After a long, expensive, pre and postgraduate course the doctor practices his skills. In hospital his performance is observed by his junior and senior colleagues, also the nursing staff. In general practice by his partners, assistants as well as ancillary staff. Only 25 per cent of general practitioners are single handed.

Where does it go wrong? Basically: it is in the demand for the doctor's services; currently we have to operate a National Health Service which is unlimited in its demands but limited in its cash and resources. The general practitioner has to accept responsibility for a 24-hour service (or pay in lieu).

He refuses to visit a patient at his peril. If he turns away a patient from his surgery he must take the legal consequences. He has to cope with those who are genuinely physically and mentally ill as well as the inadequate, inept, malingerers and those who lack proper judgement in seeking his professional services. Too many irresponsible patients can eventually produce the obvious reaction. There have been many criticisms recently about medical secretaries, appointments systems and having to wait two or three days to see the doctor. Have patients ever considered what is happening on the other side of the desk? What the doctor is trying to do in a contact of 5 or 10 minutes is to take a history, examine, give advice and possibly initiate investigations and treatment in what might well require 50 minutes.

No matter how intuitive he becomes there is no substitute for adequate time to spend with the patient. This was his training. This is his duty. This he cannot give in a 5 or 10 minutes visit. This is one reason why a net 200 doctors emigrate every year.

Young men are idealistic, enthusiastic, interested in their jobs. They want to make a success of their professional life and to give a life for their family. I am afraid the National Health Service as at present is not offering them this facility.

Doctors would not mind their judgment being questioned if they were given the time to spend with the patient. Reduce unnecessary demand or else import more doctors (and pay for them). This would be the answer to Professor Allen's difficulties.

Yours sincerely,
A. H. LUSCOMBE,
Kenmore, 62 Alderley Road,
Wilmslow, Cheshire,
July 29.

From Dr William Hodgkins

Sir, In the discussions about the National Health Service too little critical attention has been given to the patient-doctor relationship. The essence of this relationship in general practice is diagnostic rather than prescriptive. Pharmacists are critical of the prescriptive ability of the general practitioner and more especially of his training in pharmacology but the seriousness of this is heightened by the poor methods of diagnosis and the brevity of interviews with sick people. Diagnostic aids seem to be limited to a stethoscope, blood-pressure gauge and a fountain pen torch.

My wife after considerable back-pain was referred (at her request privately) to a specialist in the treatment of rheumatism. After a brief examination she was asked her age, and then to her response she received this comment: "At your age you can expect these pains. You must learn to live with them." When quite naturally and with some knowledge of her condition she protested she was told she could have treatment as an out-patient at the local hospital from a physio-therapist.

Doctors are concerned about what they call "over the counter diagnoses" in the chemist's shop but nothing is said about the frequency with which diagnoses are made over the telephone by doctors' wives and secretaries, especially when they are ex-nurses.

What is frightening about the whole medical situation both public and private is the intellectual and financial dishonesty which is revealed on levels where professional inadequacies cannot be corrected.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM HODGKINS,
7 Leven Close,
Cardiff,
July 30.

Tastes of a squirrel

From Sir Eric de Normann
Sir, On this heavily wooded estate, the grey squirrel has long been a real pest. Periodically he nests in my house in inaccessible parts of the roof. I suspect him of filching the garden labels.

The bird-table is nearly always bare as he knows to a minute the time of supply and is invariably there first. Bitten and rejected green fruit shows how interested he is in its maturity. And yesterday I saw something I have never seen before though Forestry Commission Leaflet No 31 mentions it.

A young squirrel had collected a large toadstool and sitting on my garden gate and holding the stalk in his paws, he munched the cap with gusto. I am not well up in the species but it resembled an illustration in my mushroom book of *Russula adusta* described as edible.

I could do a deal with this squirrel. If he leaves my Comice pears alone, he can have all my toadstools.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ERIC DE NORMANN,
Aylesham,
Old Avenue,
St George's Hill,
Weybridge, Surrey,

Television and crime

From Mr David Holbrook
Sir, The letter from Denis Forman, Chairman of Granada Television (July 29), about the falling figures for certain crimes, declaring that no one has attributed this fall to the effects of television, is intended to ridicule those who believe that television has an educational effect.

It may be true that some people tend to blame television for too much. It must, however, be pointed out that there have been surveys which show a definite connexion between screen violence and sex, and behaviour in life. The *Report of the Surgeon General in the United States in 1970* showed a "modest, connexion" between screen violence and acts of violence in society, for example.

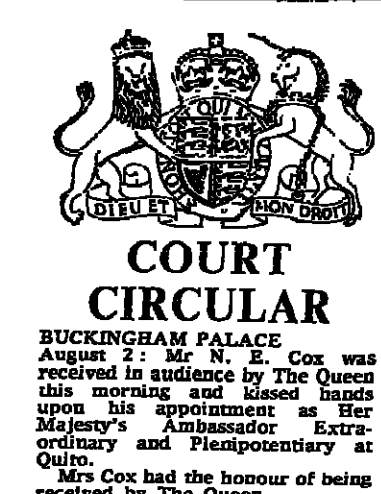
Mr Forman does not point to two significant figures for 1973: a rise of 19.20 per cent in crimes of violence against the person (moving quite contrary to the trends he indicates) and a rise of 11.12 per cent in sexual offences. Rape, it is perhaps worth mentioning, continues to rise, and has increased in every country in which pornography and sexual explicitness has been freed.

Here, I believe, speaking in terms of the meaning of symbols, television and cinema have done much to encourage the indulgence in exploiting others, by their encouragement of visual rape, thus affecting a minority seriously. In his book *Psychology is About People* Professor H. J. Eysenck shows that Laboratory Evidence shows quite clearly that even quite short pieces of film modelling certain

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Yours etc,
DAVID HOLBROOK,
New Farm House,
Maddingley, Cambridge,
July 29.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 2: Mr. N. E. Cox was received in audience by the Queen this morning and hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Quito.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to the Queen: Mr. João de Deus Coutinho (Counsellor), Senhor Luis Navega (Counsellor), Senhor Fernando Andresen (Counsellor), Senhor Carlos Teziera da Mota (Second Secretary), Senhor Fernando Andresen (Counsellor), Senhor Vasco Valente (Second Secretary) and Senhor João de Moraes Vaz (Commercial Attaché).

His Excellency was graciously pleased to accept the appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the Court of St James's.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates her birthday tomorrow. From The Times of Wednesday, August 3, 1949

Birthdays today Mr Denis Carey, 65; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Craddock, 64; Lord Drumalbyn, 66; Dame Annis Gillie, 74; Sir Lancelot Keay, 91; Lord of Newton, 68; Countess of Argyll, 70; Professor J. W. Limerick, 61; Professor L. J. D. Richardson, 81; Air Vice-Marshal A. H. Robinson, 82; Sir Cecil Lewis, 85; Mr Justice Waller, 63; Right Rev Dr R. P. Wilson, 69.

TOMORROW: Mr Paul Beard, 73; Sir George Godber, 66; Air Marshal Sir Victor Groom, 76; General Sir Reginald Hewson, 66; Lord Hewlett, 81; Mr Osbert Lancaster, 66; Professor E. E. Rieu, 70; Sir Frederick Tymms, 85; Sir Thomas Wedderburn, 70; Rev Dr R. D. Whitehorn, 83.

Latest appointments Mr Alfred Ernest Pegler to be a member of the Commission for the New Towns from August 1.

Appointments Vacant also on page 11

Fortcoming marriages Admiral Sir Alan Scott-Moncrieff and Mrs W. T. Allen. A marriage has been arranged and will take place shortly between Admiral Sir Alan Scott-Moncrieff and Mrs W. T. Allen, wife of Henley-on-Thames.

Mr W. W. Anderson and Miss S. Jackson. The engagement is announced between William Wallace, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. C. Anderson, of Firs Cottage, Eastenders, High Wycombe, Bucks, and Miss S. Jackson, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. G. Jackson, of Flint House, Shipbroam, Ardeburgh, Norfolk.

Mr P. R. Lockwood and Miss W. McDougall. The engagement is announced between Peter Lockwood, only son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Lockwood, of Topham, Devon, and Wendy, only daughter of Mrs McDougall, of Teignmouth.

Mr A. de L. Wilson and Mrs M. W. Buchanan. The marriage arranged between Michael Wilson, of Blandford Forum, Dorset, and Malise Buchanan, of Sydney, Australia, will take place in Sydney on Saturday, August 10, 1974.

25 years ago From The Times of Wednesday, August 3, 1949

Stage awards The Duke of Edinburgh made the presentation at the third annual distribution of Ellen Terry theatre awards for outstanding performance on the British stage, which took place at the Savoy Hotel, London, yesterday.

Stage awards (continued) Statuettes for what were judged to be the best performances by an actress and an actor were awarded to Miss Fay Compton, for her performance in Family Portrait, and to Mr Eric Portman for his portrayal in The Browning Version.

Stage awards (continued) The proposal to make the awards originated in a discussion some years ago at the home of Mr Ivor Novello. The selections are made by a committee of six eminent playgoers.

Stage awards (continued) The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. The officers' club of The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment held a dinner yesterday evening at the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, to mark the centenary of the connection between the borough of Maidstone and the regiment.

Stage awards (continued) The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron of the Royal Training Association, presents the prizes for the 1974 Tall Ships Race, Southsea, 11-40; later as president of the Royal Yacht Club, the Duke visits the Welsh International Show Jumping Championships, Cardiff, 2-30.

Latest wills Bridge captain leaves £11,766 Mr Henry St John Ingram, of Farnborough, Kent, printer and journalist, died last night, leaving a will valued at £11,766 net (no duty shown).

Professor Malcolm Vyvyan Laurie, of Oxford, Professor of Forestry, Oxford University, 1939 to 1968, left £46,357 net (duty paid £8,927). He left his share in any aircraft owned jointly to the other joint owners and £1,000 to the Oxford Guilding Co.

Other estates are (net before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates): Gardner, Mr Neil William, of Burghfield Common, Berkshire, former technical director of the former technical director of the Gardner and Palmers (duty paid, £35,404) £23,829

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Tomorrow The Queen attends a memorial service of remembrance and thanksgiving, in connexion with which she will preside at the Old and New Testament Church of All Saints, Aldershot, 2.55.

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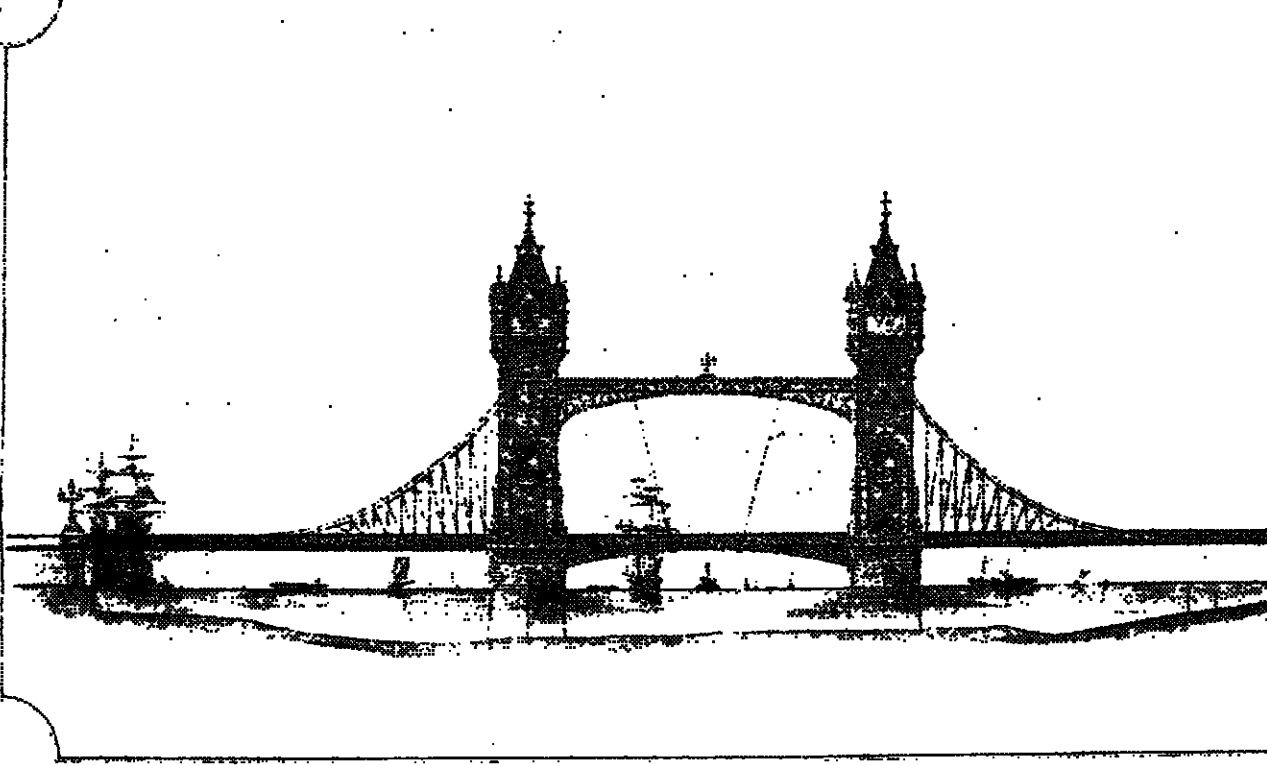
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The way of prayer to a spiritual conflict

By Kenneth Leach Chaplain of St Augustine's College, Canterbury. An essential element in most writers on the spiritual path, whether Christian or not, is that of struggle. The way of prayer is dangerous. God is a consuming fire, and to open oneself to God is to open oneself also to spiritual forces which can be destructive.

desert? of the apparent absence of God. Many Christians try to escape from this by running back to their former womb-like security, which is no longer secure. Yet this darkness is positive and creative, and it is an essential part of the purifying and maturing work of the Spirit.

described our age as one marked by doubt and struggle. It is "an age not of faith but of cathartic doubt", says Monica Furlong in The End of Our Exploring (Hodder, 1973). Unless everything can be questioned, there is a kind of betrayal of the spirit of the age.



Tower Bridge drawings: Dozens of early drawings connected with the building of Tower Bridge, some of them hitherto unknown and unpublished, lay unnoticed in the cellar of the home of Mr David Griffiths, of Wood Green, North London (a Staff Reporter writes).

the large bundle he saw while spring-cleaning and gave them all to the museum. It was delighted to have them and a selection will be incorporated in the exhibition from the end of next week.

be no subsidiary towers and the bascules were to be raised by chains. Among the papers is a list of estimated quantities of materials, including 24 million bricks and 19,000 tons of cement. Estimated cost: £850,000.

Science report

Comets: Source of energy for outbursts

Comets often flare into prominence while still much farther from the Sun than the Earth is. Although not all comets undergo such outbursts (as the fate of Comet Kohoutek showed) their origin has been something of a puzzle. In particular, astronomers have found it difficult to explain where the energy needed comes from.

Archaeology report

Poundbury: 200 more burials excavated in Roman Christian cemetery

With the excavation of a further 200 burials in the late Roman Christian cemetery at Poundbury this site has become one of the largest cemeteries of the period yet scientifically excavated in north-west Europe.

Services tomorrow

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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£500 Premium Bond winners

Table listing £500 Premium Bond winners for August. Columns include names, addresses, and winning amounts.

University news. The following have been visiting fellows for 1974/75: Professor G. Altmann, Göttingen, Germany.

Services tomorrow

Table listing church services for tomorrow. Columns include church names, times, and officiating ministers.

OBITUARY

MR CYRIL SMITH Pianist who beat paralysis

Cyril Smith, the noted solo pianist, who also formed a celebrated duo with his wife, Phyllis Sellick, died suddenly at his home at East Sheen, London, on Thursday night, aged 64.

He was born at Middleborough and was educated there at the High School. He went to the Royal College of Music in 1926. During his four years there he won many prizes, and in addition the Daily Express Piano Contest in 1928.

He made the first of many notable Prom appearances in 1928, and was a successful soloist both in this country and on the Continent until interrupted by the war when, however, he was one of many artists who toured with the BBC.

Meanwhile in 1941 he formed his two-piano partnership with Miss Sellick, a duo that proved highly rewarding in the concert hall and on radio and television. Several well-known British composers wrote works for them, and Vaughan Williams rearranged his piano concerto for four hands.

In 1956 he was invited to tour the Soviet Union in a party of British musicians led by Sir Arthur Bliss, conducting a trail-blazing engagement for future cultural exchanges. Unfortunately, during the visit Smith was struck down by a stroke which left his left hand paralysed.

He was a notable teacher. He had been a Professor at the RCM since 1934 and adjudicated a great deal, most recently at the BBC Piano Competition this year. As a player, he was justly admired for his need for precision and virtuoso display. He was appointed OBE in 1971.

HERR ALOIS HUNDHAMMER

Alois Hundhammer, who died on Thursday, August 27, was the first Bavarian politician to be imprisoned in the Dachau concentration camp for anti-Nazi activities, in 1933. After his release, he opened a shoe repair shop where opponents of the Hitler regime met, but the Gestapo closed the shop and imprisoned him in the army.

He was one of the founders of the Christian Social Union and the first chairman of the party. In the following year he became Minister of Education and Culture in the Bavarian Government.

University 'firsts'

The following was omitted from the list of first-class honours degrees at Sheffield published on Monday.

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Official reserves in July still underpinned by foreign funds

By Mervyn Westlake
Economics Staff

Official reserves held fairly steady, indicating Bank of England intervention. More important, however, was the capital inflow. There is strong evidence that much of this foreign capital has been used to purchase medium-term sterling certificates of deposits and government stocks.

The Treasury disclosed yesterday that the official reserves were £2,580m at the end of July, a fall of £100m on the end of June. The Treasury also disclosed that the official reserves were £2,580m at the end of July, a fall of £100m on the end of June.

UK RESERVES

End of	\$m	£m	\$m
1971	6,582	2,526	
1972	5,646	2,404	
1973	7,013	2,716	+274
July	6,628	2,632	-385
Aug	6,516	2,654	-112
Sept	6,382	2,644	-134
Oct	6,761	2,772	+379
Nov	6,648	2,836	+115
Dec	6,476	2,787	-170

Whitehall monitoring plan worries NEDO

By Our Industrial Editor

The National Economic Development Office, which until now has been responsible for industry planning and investment, will clearly define its role in the White Paper on industrial policy.

At the moment, office officials are engaged in a study of industry's problems in raising finance as well as following up the October general industrial review to 1977, concerned with the implications of different growth rates for 11 key industries.

More cash likely for 'worthwhile building'

By Our Industrial Staff

A Government plan to make more money available to the building industry and to "socially worthwhile" projects is on the way. It is expected that ministers will call in building leaders soon to make the details known.

The timing of the operation is crucial. Ministers know that unless more money is released into the industry within the next month or so, the die could be cast for severe unemployment in the building sector this winter.

There is also concern at the speed with which the materials industry is closing down plant as the recession in building becomes more pronounced.

This has given rise to much speculation that purchases of government stock may have been made by Middle East oil producers directly from the Bank of England.

The federation gave warning that if "this disastrous drop in the labour force" continued, it would also begin to affect the number of apprentices being trained and the future labour supply would be in danger.



Sir Richard Young, former chairman of Alfred Herbert, who has resigned from the board of the machine tool group.

New terms for Barlow Rand link

By Andrew Wilson

Barlow Rand and Union Corporation have accepted revised terms of their proposed merger.

The shares of both companies were suspended yesterday morning in Johannesburg and London at their request.

Stock market closes account with 12pc fall in equities and no respite

By Terry Byland

On the London stock market yesterday ordinary shares ran into yet another hour of nervousness. Having shrugged off Mr Healey's mini-Budget in the previous week, equity sections began to fall away when fears regarding the implications of the Herstatt Bank failure were joined by rumours of trading difficulties within the United Kingdom insurance industry.

Another of the market's nerve points, have dipped by 9p to 83p over the period.

With turnover still thin, the market's fall was followed by a sharp recovery following the bullish report published by the CBI.

Unsettling for the engineering sectors was the disclosure of government plans to nationalize the shipbuilding and repairing industries.

Further cause for dismay in the London stock market has been the selling of oil shares by United States investors, who have taken a dismal view of the outlook for oil demand.

Mr Simon expects US inflation to slacken. From Frank Vogl Washington, Aug 2. Mr William Simon, the Treasury Secretary, said today that inflation would "abate" because of domestic and international economic policies now being pursued by the Administration.

British Gas places £25m pipe orders

Contracts worth about £25m have been placed by the British Gas Corporation for the laying of more than 250 miles of pipeline to carry North Sea gas from reception facilities in Scotland to distribution centres in the North-east and North-west of England.

The contracts involve 36-inch diameter pipe and cover lines from Bathgate, West Lothian, to a point near Preston, Lancashire, together with a spur from Carlisle to Bishop Auckland, Durham.

London office of Israel bank faces liquidation

The Israel-British Bank (London) seems likely to follow its Tel Aviv parent company into liquidation as a result of yesterday's filing of a winding-up petition in the High Court by the bank's directors.

The Tel Aviv bank, the directors' statement said, had failed to meet its obligations to the London bank and no formula had been set up by the Bank of Israel for dealing with the bank's directors.

9pc US Treasury notes

United States Treasury officials announced yesterday in Washington that the coupon level to be set on its two notes issues, which go on auction next week for a total of \$4,000m, will be 9 per cent. This is higher than generally expected, but reflects the near state of the securities market.

Yen ceiling raised

It has been decided by the Bank of Japan and the Japanese finance ministry to raise by 10 per cent the ceiling on the amount of foreign currency which can be converted into yen by foreign banks operating in Japan.

Blow to expansion

The Government's decision to lower control-free expansion in the West Midlands from 15,000 sq ft to the former ceiling of 10,000 sq ft is a blow to industrial progress.

Power yacht order

Moonraker, the British power yacht company, has won a £180,000 order from a Dutch concern for 36 power yachts for delivery by April next year.

Bonn surplus narrows

West Germany's basic payments surplus narrowed to DM730m (£121.7m) in June from a record DM3,062m in May and DM2,427m in June, 1973.

Lloyds Bank steps up interim

Lloyds Bank, which declared its interim dividend just before the concessions on dividend restraint announced in the mini-Budget last week, is paying a second interim to bring its distribution in line with the new maximum 12 1/2 per cent increase allowable.

Upward trend in American bank loans disappoints

Washington, Aug 2.—Commercial and industrial loans from big New York banks showed a modest rise in the past week, but aroused some concern in the money and securities markets since a fall had been widely expected because of the record level of business investments and peak interest rates.

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Mr Nixon's meeting put off again

From Our US Economics Correspondent Washington, August 2

A postponement of the President's scheduled meeting with his top economic policy advisers was announced by the White House this afternoon. No new date has been arranged.

President Nixon sent a message to Congress today seeking authorization to establish a special monitoring board to watch price and wage developments within the economy.

The Congress is likely to approve this suggestion and some congressmen have been calling for just such a board, after the termination of the Cost of Living Council through the ending of price and wage controls in April.

The new suggestion is likely to be more welcome. The postponed economic meeting, the first that the President would have held with all of his top advisers in more than four weeks, was originally scheduled for earlier this week.

It was rearranged for this morning and the time was changed again to late this afternoon.

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He added: "We must have contingency plans so that we are prepared to act, and to act quickly, in the event of an emergency situation requiring it."

Mr Simon reiterated his now well-known belief that oil prices would fall. He said that on the basis of his recent talks in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia "I can assure you my experience has been that the financial authorities of the Arab countries who will be managing oil revenues are indeed conservative and responsible and will not be found taking illogical actions."

While he stressed the need for domestic policy restraint to curb inflation, he said he was now seriously worried about the development of capital formation here and the possible weakening of America's international business competitiveness.

Long-term policies must be worked out to resolve serious problems that now appeared to be developing.

Mr Simon said that while corporate profits appeared to be at record levels, the results were in fact greatly inflated because of price developments.

He pointed out that since 1960 plant and equipment spending in the United States had been only 15 per cent of total output, while it had been 18 per cent in France, 20 per cent in Germany and 27 per cent in Japan.

Present inflation levels in America were completely intolerable and the wisest policy action was to "apply the necessary fiscal and monetary discipline within the limits of its capacity to produce."

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How the markets moved

Rises	Falls
Aunt Estates 5p to 12 1/2p	Smith, W. E. 10p to 19 1/2p
Beazley 1p to 1 1/2p	Tube Invest 10p to 18 1/2p
Broken Hill 1 1/2p to 5 1/2p	Triplets Found 4p to 22p
Bolton Textile 1p to 1 1/4p	Union Discount 15p to 19 1/2p
Dalgety 3p to 13 1/2p	Vitesse 2p to 8p
State Duries 8p to 23 1/2p	Western Areas 10p to 35 1/2p
Eastwood, J. B. 2p to 3 1/2p	Yarrow 2p to 30p

THE POUND

Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia \$ 1.665	1.62
Austria Sch 94.75	92.00
Belgium Fr 2.36	2.31
Canada \$ 14.45	14.05
Denmark Krk 9.00	8.75
France Fr 11.35	11.05
Germany DM 6.25	6.05
Greece Dr 73.00	70.00
Hongkong \$ 12.25	11.90
Italy Lr 1,610.00	1,555.00
Japan Yn 735.00	710.00
Netherlands Gld 6.40	6.20
Norway Kr 13.10	12.75
Portugal Esc 62.75	58.50
S Africa Rd 1.91	1.85
Spain Pes 137.50	133.50
Sweden Kr 10.40	10.30
Switzerland Fr 7.25	7.00
United States \$ 2.425	2.375
Yugoslavia Dur 37.00	35.00

QE2 may gain French Line traffic

By Michael Baily Shipping Correspondent

Cunard is planning a deal with French Line that should steer the lion's share of French transatlantic traffic to the QE2 next year.

The companies are having talks with a view to French Line becoming Cunard agents in France when their 66,000-ton France is withdrawn from service in the autumn.

If they succeed, the QE2 is likely to pick up about half the 1,200 or so passengers the France has been carrying across the Atlantic each week (rather less than the QE2). This would move the British ship back into a position of strong profitability after the unfortunate effects of her mishap in the Caribbean earlier this year.

To cope with the expected increase in traffic, Cunard yesterday announced a big increase in Atlantic sailings next year, from 21 this year to 31, with berth availability up by 30 per cent to 52,000.

Mr Victor Matthews, the Cunard chairman, said last night: "In view of past experience I hesitate to make too specific forecasts, but with the France out of the way things look very good. She could do extremely well."

Schneider must dispose of 34pc Marine Firminy stake

Paris, Aug 2.—Schneider SA must provisionally dispose of its 34 per cent stake in Marine Firminy SA, bought last year according to a ruling handed out today by the Paris Tribunal of Commerce.

The tribunal confirmed all but two articles of an agreement dated from March, 1970, that neither of the two companies—founders of Creusot Loire SA through a merger of two of their subsidiaries—could buy each other's shares.

Creusot Loire was set up in 1970 through the merger of Forges et Ateliers du Creusot SA and Ateliers du Creusot SA and Marine Firminy.

A Firminy spokesman said the tribunal decision, which rules against a request by Schneider to declare the 1970 agreement void, means that

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It has called on the major political parties to set up a permanent inter-party committee or statutory body to agree a trade policy because, it said in a statement yesterday, it was "still gravely worried about the variations of the overseas trade policy" whenever there was a change in government.

It added: "Lack of consistency only produces a corresponding falling off of confidence among our customers, resulting in loss of orders."

The association stressed that the proposed committee should agree on what export products should be prohibited.

RESULTS IN BRIEF

	1974	1973
Group sales	13,104,810	10,288,690
Profit before tax	523,603	442,594
Taxation	190,000	111,000
Profit after tax	333,603	331,594
Earnings per 20p share	3.9p	3.9p
Rate of ordinary dividend, net per share	2.15p	1.986p
Net assets	3,699,805	3,885,050

Copies of the report and accounts can be obtained from: The Secretary, Bulmer & Lumb (Holdings) Limited, Bulmershaw, Bradford BD6 2NE.

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

It is very tempting not to quibble over a matter of a few pence on a bill running into several pounds. When the bill comes from a small trader with whom a regular relationship has become established and, in its own way, important, it is especially tempting not to make a fuss.

There is, however, a quite clear point to be made about the not uncommon practice of charging interest on bills which are not paid promptly. Take the recent case of a complainant who received a first reminder, just over a month after the initial bill, carrying an item marked "interest at 3 per cent".

A simple calculation revealed that the charge was not 3 per cent per annum but 3 per cent per month, although nowhere was this spelled out.

To take the second point first, it is clearly at variance with the spirit if not the letter of legislation on consumer credit, which finally received Royal Assent last week, to give a misleading idea of the true annualized cost of interest.

The Consumer Credit Act specifically relates to loans rather than trade credits. But if "truth

in lending" when applied to loans means stating the full cost of credit in both cash and percentage per annum terms, it is hard to put up much of an argument that trade creditors should treat their customers any differently.

More fundamental, though, is the question of whether small traders have any entitlement to exact interest charges without prior notification to the customer. While one has every sympathy with a business which finds itself in a cash squeeze and wishes to hasten payment of accounts by customers, the answer is quite clearly no.

Many small traders have adopted the practice of sending out accounts with notification that they will begin to charge interest after a period of eight days, but without such a note customers should simply ignore interest charges.

Our original complainant received no such notice and it is worth pointing out that if he had he would only have been liable to pay interest for a matter of a few days. On that basis, the amount he was actually charged would have amounted to a true annualized interest rate running comfortably into three figures.

Insurance

New surrender rules

In the past, insurance companies appeared to display very little flexibility; now, their attitude is changing. But the Chancellor of the Exchequer seems anxious to disallow the tax reliefs on life assurance premiums where too much flexibility is given.

The old-fashioned attitude on the part of many life offices to a request to surrender a policy for cash appeared to be that this was a variation of the contract, and so the company could very much dictate its terms. As a result, surrender values were distinctly poor.

Even when a policy was virtually within sight of maturity, comparatively poor surrender values have been payable. This led to policies being auctioned, instead of being surrendered. Often, the auctioneer's commission represents one-third of the difference between the surrender value offered by the insurance company and the actual price realized at auction.

The surrender of bonuses attaching to a with-profit policy (without disturbing the basic policy) has been popular, even though the full face value would not be paid. Instead bonuses could be surrendered for a discount figure.

At one stage, the surrender of bonuses was quite popular as a contribution to school fees. Or, for those wondering how to meet an annual premium for a life policy which had been running for some years, some or all of the bonuses attaching to it could be surrendered.

Gradually life offices have become more flexible and the Scottish Provident Institution broke fresh ground when it introduced a policy specially designed to be terminated at any time after the first 10 years, at the policyholder's option.

Guaranteed early maturity values were written into the policy, and bonuses would be based on such values. This was a good arrangement as it gave a policyholder flexibility. As with most good ideas, it was soon copied by other life offices.

Now, however, the Chancellor has stepped in and, if a contract arranged after March 25, 1974 (Budget day), is surrendered, it

is proposed that some of the tax relief allowed on the premiums shall be clawed back.

That, of course, is really quite reasonable in the case of, say, the early surrender of a policy linked to building society investment. And so it is proposed that if a policy is surrendered, partially or fully, (including surrender of bonus) or made paid up within the first four years, all or part of the tax relief previously allowed will be clawed back.

That makes it even more important to look upon a life policy as a long-term contract and not a form of saving which can be stopped in favour of a cash return after no more than a few years. There should be no real quibbles on that score.

Quite apart from that, a claw-back of tax relief is proposed if the policyholder surrenders policy rights (or surrender of bonus) while continuing to pay premiums. The reason given for this is that the customary tax relief for life assurance premiums is allowed on the assumption that the premiums represent new money being added to the fund; but if a policyholder pays premium and also surrenders or partially surrenders his policy, that assumption is invalidated.

One way and another, the Inland Revenue is likely to get back an appreciable amount of tax relief—particularly if the legislation goes through on the basis that there will be a claw-back of one year's tax relief on full surrender of a life policy, irrespective of how long the policy had been in force. And, in that event, it would be logical for the claw-back to apply, also, to the sale of a policy to somebody else as an investment.

One contract which should still provide a high degree of flexibility is not often recommended by brokers since it is issued by the London Life Association, which as a matter of principle does not pay commission on the introduction of business.

This office's reduction of premium system has been written since 1806, with only fairly minor amendments over the years. Instead of profits being

distributed by means of reversionary bonuses, cash allocations are made, starting when the ninth annual premium is due.

Currently it is being estimated that the first cash allocation will be equivalent to 81 per cent of the annual premium. It looks as though, under the proposed legislation, if this is taken as cash or is applied to paying part of the premium for policies taken out since Budget day, effectively tax relief will not be allowed on 81 per cent of the premium—or whatever proportion of the premium the cash allocation represents.

But the whole premium would be eligible for the usual tax relief if the cash allocation were not withdrawn but allowed to accumulate at a modest rate of interest with the sum assured.

In the following year, it is estimated that the cash allocations would amount to 90 per cent of the annual premium, and the same considerations would apply. Up to this point, it is apparent that there is little to choose between this kind of policy and one offering conventional reversionary bonuses.

But it is quite possible that the cash allocation with the London Life Association will be 100 per cent a year later, so that the premium would be extinguished altogether.

Then, cash allocations in excess of 100 per cent of the premium can be taken in cash, free of tax, as they are made, or they can accumulate, at interest, on a tax-free basis. Thus a tax-free fund will be building up which can be withdrawn in whole or in part at any time—either surrendering the whole policy at the same time, or not, as one likes.

If cash is taken in this way after the premiums have been extinguished by the cash allocations, there should be no question of any tax being payable or any claw-back of tax relief, since the latter applies only when a premium has been paid in the year during which surrender takes place.

John Drummond

Law

Security for the furnished tenant

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If he stays on without consent he could be made to pay the full high-season rental. The landlord must take care that the letting is for a fixed period of not more than eight months. If the period is longer or indefinite, simply on a weekly or monthly basis, the landlord would have no ground on which to get him out.

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Events are gathering speed in Lambeth, where for over 18 months Halldora Blair has been monitoring the progress of a group of residents, CASPA (Clapham Action St Paul's Area), who are trying to stave off a compulsory purchase order. The public inquiry was held last month. . . .

But it was unfortunate that when he was asked about the condition of another property he replied that because he had not been inside he could not tell. Counsel's comment was predictable.

The chief planning officer put in an impressively professional performance and was at pains to put the issues on a logical basis. Clearly he appreciated CASPA's and CARG's case but, in his view, local protectionism had to give way to the claims of the homeless. In this he was reinforced by the evidence of a former official of the housing department.

CASPA opened the objectors' case. Its consultant planner's evidence was necessarily technical. Apart from giving his view (admittedly on the basis of external inspection only) that the unfit houses could be rehabilitated instead of demolished, as it is proposed, the most of them should be, he made criticisms of the council's feasibility study for the area. He suggested that it had been overoptimistic about the number of persons the redeveloped site could accommodate.

One important point which was readily comprehensible to the layman was the challenge that the council's inclusion of St Paul's Church as open space justified a high population density on the rest of the area was untenable.

It transpired at the inquiry that, for procedural ease, this graveyard is now to be omitted from the proposed compulsory purchase. The council apparently hopes to do a private deal with the diocesan authorities. The vicar seems none too happy or sure that this will come about and, as he pointed out in his statement to the inquiry, there is no general access to this land from the proposed redevelopment area.

The challenge to the council's housing gain claims was

taken up by CASPA's treasurer, Mr Peter Jefferson Smith. Although the council had led evidence to suggest that the corner had been turned, Mr Jefferson Smith doubted whether it was yet capable of proceeding with redevelopment at any reasonable speed; he demonstrated its poor showing over recent years.

The comparative costs of redevelopment and rehabilitation were emphasized not just by CASPA but by CARG's planner and a representative of a local squatter's organization. The council had quoted an average of £16,000—exclusive of land cost—as the cost of building a council house or flat; evidence produced by CASPA suggested that more than £7,000 would be needed to give many of the houses in its area years of useful life. In some cases, this figure would allow for conversion into two self-contained flats.

Of course, Mr Jefferson Smith made the point that rehabilitation provides an acceptable alternative to redevelopment only if it is phased so as not to break up the community nor to make a large or long temporary housing loss. He also gave evidence from CASPA's survey of the cohesive nature of the existing community. For example, over half the 66 per cent sample in the area had relatives living within walking distance.

The individual objectors provided more domestic detail. The wife of a disabled man who now has only to cross the road to reach his place of employment; the divorced woman who put all her savings and six years' effort into doing up a cottage as her security for life; the Polish lady who provides furnished accommodation for three tenants (and who, she asked, would continue doing that now and declare the receipts for income

tax purposes)—all were listened to with respect and kindness by the inspector.

Many objectors did not want to or could not attend but, in their absence were assured that their letters would be taken into consideration, along with all the statements, maps, brochures and other papers submitted. CARG's impressive booklet extended as far as coloured photographs of the area's threatened glories.

A substantial submission came from the Clapham Society and reflected its concern that "the structure and function" of Clapham as a village centre "was in jeopardy as the result of piecemeal council redevelopment. The society pleaded for consultation and a wider coordinated plan for Clapham."

Less lengthy but equally patiently heard was the statement by the secretary of the London Association for Saving Homes, to which CASPA and CARG are affiliated. He even suggested that the proposed compulsory purchase orders might infringe the European Convention on Human Rights and he treated the inquiry to a substantial quotation from it.

The industrial objectors, if they may be called that, had independent cases although their various counsel interwove their arguments with those of their learned friends wherever suitable.

Esso Petroleum was concerned to maintain its present site area and an exit and entrance to its service station upon the Wandsworth Road. CASPA wants to keep the petrol station so there was no clash of interest here.

Norman Electrical Holdings Ltd., makers of specialized electric motors, regarded the threat to its continued existence in Clapham as sufficiently grave to be championed by leading counsel. The detail of its evidence was quite prodigious.

Closing speeches were not lengthy: CARG and CASPA's mutual counsel sat down to his clients' applause. There was a general feeling that he had struck the right note, done his homework and a very good job.

Hallidora Blair

Taxation

Keeping the taxman at bay

This chapter deals with various ways in which you can arrange your affairs so as to reduce your tax bill. It must be stressed that this should not be done by means of tax evasion which is completely illegal and may result in your tax bill being increased by the addition of interest and penalties. Thus you should always make a full disclosure of your taxable income to the Revenue in your income tax return.

You are fully entitled however, to arrange your affairs legally in such a way that your tax liability is reduced. This is known as tax avoidance. There are various anti-avoidance rules but providing you are able to steer clear of these provisions you can effect substantial tax savings by sensible planning.

John Drummond

In the wake of frequent, and in some cases fundamental tax changes, tax planning has become more and more complicated. Over the next five weeks we are publishing extracts from The Hambro Tax Guide taken from the Chapter entitled: Tax Saving Hints

arrangements. It is always necessary to review your tax planning in the light of changes in your financial position and family. You must also take full account of changes in the tax system.

(6) Don't forget that the law may change. Particularly remember that with estate duty it will be the law at your death and not necessarily the law now that will govern the liability to duty.

Income tax saving

Personal Reliefs and Allowances Always claim all of the personal reliefs and allowances to which you are entitled. Notify the Revenue as soon as you qualify for an additional allowance such as when you marry or your wife has a baby or you effect a new life assurance policy.

Business Expenses Make sure that you claim all business expenses to which you are entitled. Do not overlook capital allowances. If you are able to use your car in your business you can claim a reasonable proportion of the running costs; (it is often better if your business or company, etc, actually owns the car).

Repayment Claims If you are entitled to make any income tax repayment claim, make sure that you do so at your earliest opportunity. In any event you should not allow the relevant time limit to expire. (This is normally six years after the end of the tax year concerned but is sometimes earlier.)

Date of Marriage If your future wife and yourself are both working it is usually best for tax purposes to marry in about August or September. This will allow your future wife to earn sufficient as a single person to get the full benefit of the single person's allowances. You also get the married man's allowance for the tax year in which you marry subject to a reduction of £20 for every completed month

Employments Make sure you claim all allowable expenses. Try to obtain part of your wages or salary in taxfree ways as lunch vouchers. Tax savings result if for example you have a company car or are given an interest-free loan or join your firm's pension scheme. If you are covered by an occupational scheme you should consider effecting a personal pension scheme.

Child Allowance If your baby is born just prior to April 6 you still get a full year's child allowance of £240 for the tax year in which the child is born.

Wife's Earnings If you have a business, pay your wife properly for the work that she does for it. This will enable the wife's earned income allowance to be obtained. You must be careful however that your business does not pay your wife more than the job is worth, or else the Revenue might seek to disallow part of her wages and so you will be taxed on the amount as a disallowed business expense.

A satisfactory arrangement is to form a business partnership with your wife, which will give her an entitlement to share in the profits, normally treated as earned income, and to a private retirement plan. If your wife's earnings are sufficiently high, substantial income tax savings will result from electing for the separate taxation of her earnings.

The Hambro Tax Guide, prepared by Professor A. S. Sinks and W. I. Stuchlik, under the consulting editorship of Professor C. S. A. Wheatcroft, is published on September 23 by Robert Yeaman Ltd, price £3

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Medium and Income (progress this year and in the past three years). Unitholder Index 1234.1, fell from January 1, 1974: 17.1 per cent.

Table with columns for Unit Trust Name, A, B, and performance metrics. Includes entries like Framlington Cap, Hambro Fund, Bishopsgate Prog, etc.

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A: growth plus reinvested income since January 1, 1974 B: % growth over past three years to July 31, 1974 Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2.

Joint Announcement by BARLOW RAND LIMITED ('BR') and UNION CORPORATION LIMITED ('UC'). Text describes the merger of the two companies, including financial details and dates.

Ronald Irving

EDITED BY MARGARET STONE

Investor's week

Assailed • Wool textile shares

The stock market is assailed on at least two major fronts just at present. When it is not worrying about the very real signs of world recession which are growing daily more apparent, it is covering itself with a blanket of insurance and wool textile shares.

Or, to put it another way, what would happen to market for wool textile shares if one of the City's fears materialized? Many a fond illusion is now under severe strain as the market contemplates the possibility of a sharp decline in wool textile shares in the banking and insurance world no longer above suspicion.

Greenfingers needed for City

...danger that the whole forest will have to be ploughed up and Brussel sprouts sown there instead. ...The ecological situation in the City is a matter of some concern. It is generally agreed that the forest does require a certain amount of thinning out. Thus the main task at issue is to decide which of the splendid botanical specimens should be cut down, and which should be preserved.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Barrow Hepburn meets forecast with solid first-half growth

By David Mott With the share of profits from overseas trading continuing to grow and the energy crisis appearing to have little effect on United Kingdom business, Barrow Hepburn, the leather and chemicals group, reports an 11 per cent rise in interim profits to £1.16m pre-tax.

CES bid talks must wait on half-year profits

Combined English Stores' talks with a potential bidder are still taking place with a view to an offer in excess of present market prices, the company said yesterday. CES ordinary shares were 44p at yesterday's official stock market close—10p below the price reached immediately after the talks were first announced last week.

Pressures on bookmaking side leave Coral lower

By Maurice Barnfather Despite a rise in turnover from £50m to £53m, the trading profit for the six months to June 30 of J. Coral Holdings, the bookmaking and casino group with interests in bingo and property, fell from £2.88m to £2.75m.

Stock markets Further erosion of confidence

The two-week trading account came to an unhappy end, with the market buzzing with rumours of impending disasters in the financial world. At midday, market men suddenly decided that the Bank of England was about to issue a "statement", although on what subject none could say.

Equity Enterprises beats target

The board of Equity Enterprises, under chairman Mr David Frost, reported a taxable profit of at least £2m for the 20 months to December 31, and this has been fulfilled with a jump from £34,000 for the eight months to end-1973 to £2.23m. The last 12 months of the period produced £2.2m of the total profit.

Charges bear heavily on Westminster Property

In the half year to March 31 taxable profits of Westminster Property Group were hard hit by interest charges. These show a more than threefold jump from £58,500 to £238,000 and taxable profits a fall from £231,400 to £79,200. Earnings a share have been cut from 2.9p to 0.8p, but the interim dividend is being held at 1p. The board say they are taking steps to secure the group's finance by the disposal of certain properties and plans are being made for future expansion when conditions become more stable.

Mining Azcon extends steel interests

Consolidated Gold Fields' 85 per cent-owned United States subsidiary, Azcon, is acquiring, for cash, Steel Service which owns a steel mill and scrap business in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Briefly

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Large table of market data including Eurobond prices, Sterling Index, and Canadian Prices.

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities
£42.50 drop in copper prices
Expectations of a large increase in stocks this week hit COPPER prices on the London Metal Exchange yesterday. Wire bar values were slashed £42.50 a metric ton.

Robustness cleared slightly steady...
Sept. 27-73 1.11...
The closing price of the pound was 270.00...
The dollar drifted back, to rule...

Foreign Exchange
Pound improves 20 points
The mark remained pinned to the lower inter-continental point of the European joint float in the foreign exchange yesterday, needing constant intervention in terms of the guilder to maintain the system's maximum 2.25 per cent fluctuation margin.

Spot Position of Sterling
Market rose...
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Forward Levels
New York...
London...
The closing price of the pound was 270.00...

ISA price...
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Easy day for the discount houses
In the London money market, discount houses had their easiest day of the week. Day-to-day credit was in plentiful supply and the houses required no assistance from the Bank of England in spite of underlying factors that showed a rate and quite sharp, swing against the market.

The Times Share Indices
The Times share indices fell by 0.2 per cent...
The closing price of the pound was 270.00...

Money Market Rates
Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11 1/2%
The closing price of the pound was 270.00...

Recent Issues
Bank Base Rates
Barclays Bank...
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Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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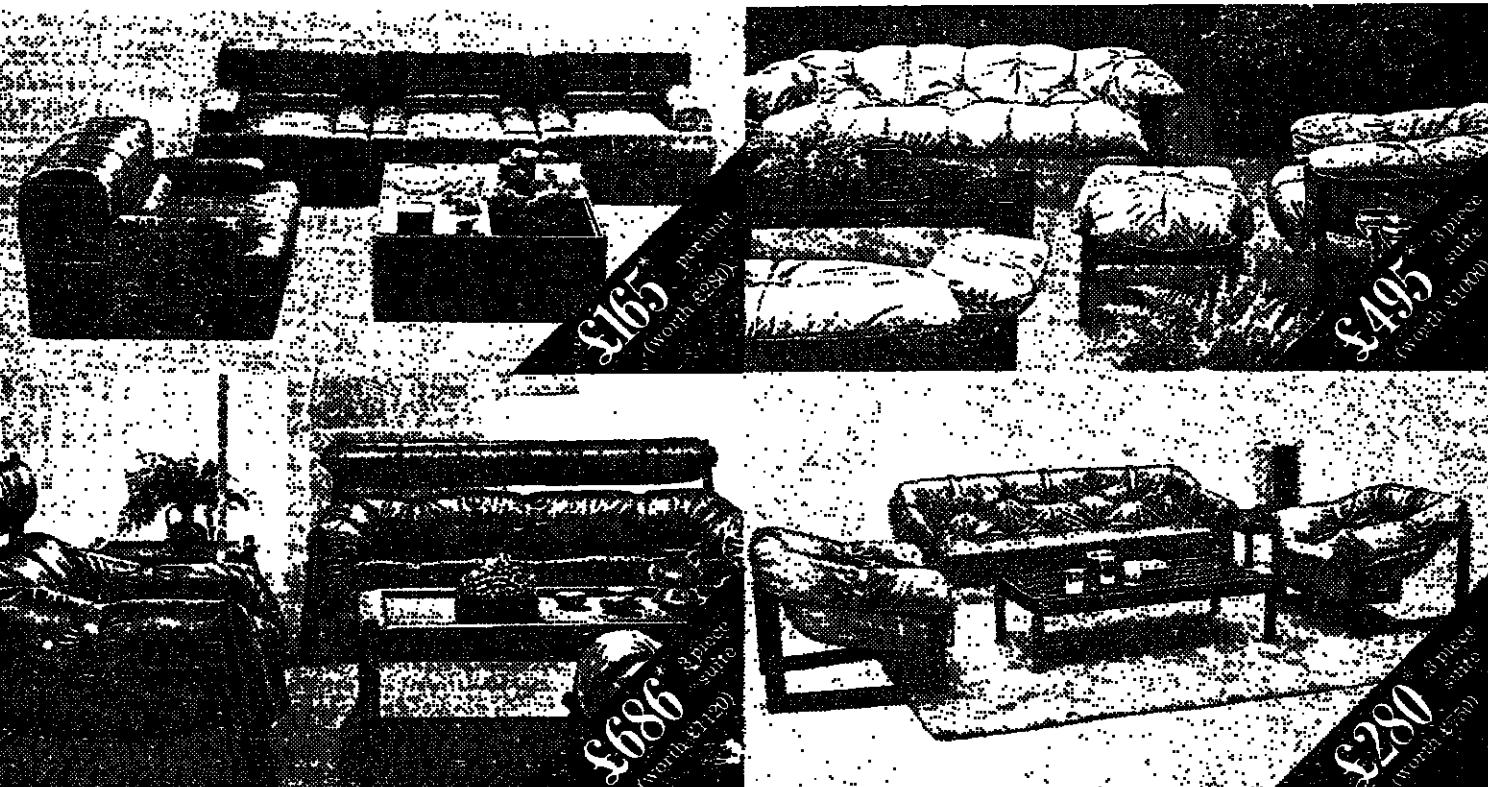
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